

**Galena Park Independent School District
District of Innovation Plan – Amendment 8
Presented to DPAC 09/17/2024**

Special Education Content Certification

Proposed Addition:

(DK LEGAL, DK LOCAL, DK EXHIBIT) (TEC , 21.003)

Exemption from content certifications required for special education courses where instructional content is significantly modified.

Rationale

The proposed amendment would allow the district to exempt teachers from content-area teaching certifications, when appropriate. This flexibility would aid in the recruiting, hiring, and retention of special education-certified teachers, without forfeiting federal licensure requirements or impacting certification requirements for special education teachers providing content instruction in a classroom setting.

House Bill 114 – Vaping Consequence Plan

Proposed Deletion:

To best serve the needs of Galena Park ISD students, the proposed plan could allow students to receive in depth interventions on campus prior to being sent to DAEP for vaping pursuant to HB 114

Rationale:

Galena Park ISD previously allowed students under the District of Innovation Plan to receive rehabilitative interventions while on campus in an ISS setting

State law interprets Chapter 37 to supersede local regulations in extending ISS time beyond 3 days.

To meet compliance with state law, students caught violating laws regarding vaping and e-cigarettes will be subject to immediate DAEP placement