

School Innovation Plan Requirements

Requirements for Innovation School Plans

In accordance with the requirements of RSA 194-E:2, a School Innovation Plan submitted to the local School Board for consideration may include the following information as applicable:

- (a) A statement of the public school's mission and why designation as an innovation school would enhance the school's ability to achieve its mission.
- (b) A description of the innovations the public school would implement, which may include, but not be limited to, innovations in school staffing, curriculum and assessment, class scheduling, use of financial and other resources, and faculty recruitment, employment, evaluation, and compensation.
- (c) A listing of department of education's administrative rules from which the schools are requesting a waiver and rationale for the waiver request including how and why the waiver is needed to implement its identified innovations.
- (d) A listing of the programs, policies, or operational documents within the public school that would be affected by the public school's identified innovations and the manner in which they would be affected. The programs, policies, or operational documents may include, but need not be limited to:
 - (1) The research-based educational program the public school would implement.
 - (2) The length of school day and school year at the public school.
 - (3) The student promotion and graduation policies to be implemented at the public school.
 - (4) The public school's assessment plan.
 - (5) The proposed budget for the public school.
 - (6) The proposed staffing plan for the public school.
- (e) An identification of the improvements in academic performance that the public school expects to achieve by implementing the innovations.
- (f) An estimate of the cost savings or increased efficiencies, or both, if any, the public school expects to achieve by implementing its identified innovations.
- (g) A statement of the level of support for designation as an innovation school or school zone demonstrated by students and parents of students enrolled in the public school, and the community surrounding the public school.
- (h) A description of any provision of the collective bargaining agreement in effect for the personnel at the public school that would need to be waived or modified for the public school to implement its identified innovations.
- (i) Any additional information required by the local school board of the school district in which the innovation plan would be implemented.

Additional Requirements for Innovation School Zone Plans

Each plan for creating an innovation school zone submitted by a local school board through collaboration with a group of public schools, may include the information specified above for each public school that would be included in the innovation school zone. A plan for creating an innovation school zone may also include the following additional information:

(a) A description of how innovations in the public schools in the school innovation zone would be integrated to achieve results that would be less likely to be accomplished by each public school working alone.

(b) An estimate of any economies of scale that would be achieved by innovations implemented jointly by the public schools within the innovation school zone.

(c) A statement of the level of support for designation as an innovation school demonstrated by students and parents of students enrolled in the public school, and the community surrounding the public school based upon the public hearing.