

**Innovative Courses  
and Programs**

A district may offer innovative courses to enable students to master knowledge, skills, and competencies not included in the essential knowledge and skills of the required curriculum.

To request approval for an innovative course from the State Board of Education or the commissioner of education, a district must submit a request for approval at least six months before planned implementation. The request must address the elements listed at 19 Administrative Code 74.27(3).

With the approval of the board, a district may offer, without modifications, any state-approved innovative course.

*19 TAC 74.27*

**Magnet Schools or  
Programs**

A district may operate a magnet program, academy, or other innovative program to serve student populations with specialized interests and aptitudes. *19 TAC 74.22(b)*