

System of Regional Education Service Centers

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Quick Facts

Number of Regional Education Service Centers: 20

Established: 1967

Number of Services Offered: Over 300

Accountability

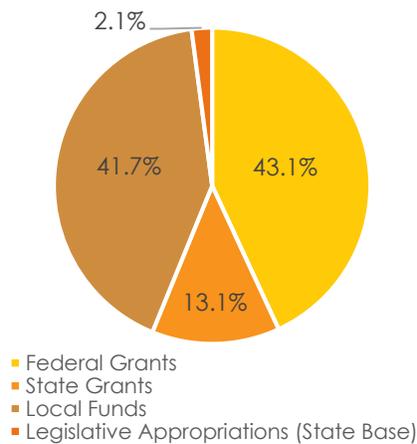
Regional Education Service Centers (ESC) have multiple levels of accountability and oversight. Each ESC has a locally-elected board of directors tasked with overseeing the ESC, approving an annual budget, and hiring an executive director. The Commissioner of Education also has broad oversight over the ESCs and established performance standards that each ESC is expected to meet. Each ESC is also required to perform an annual financial audit, conduct an annual client satisfaction survey of school districts and charter schools; as well as complete a cost-savings for schools analysis for the Legislature each biennium.

Funding Sources

ESCs are primarily funded by revenue generated locally through school districts and charter schools purchasing ESC services. Legislative appropriations, \$12.5 million per year, comprise approximately 2.1% of all combined ESC funds. These funds are critical to offset the cost to schools and allow them to receive necessary services at the highest quality and lowest price.

ESCs are non-regulatory agencies and have no taxing authority. This requires ESCs to purchase significant capital outlay expenditures and maintain/renovate facilities on a pay-as-you-go basis. ESCs must also have appropriate reserves to develop new services requested by schools and to help implement state initiatives.

Revenue by Source



Additional Highlights

Client Satisfaction

For 2013, the 20 ESCs combined scored a 4.78 on a 5 point scale. Respondents were asked to describe their level of satisfaction on a variety of ESC services such as those designed to help schools operate efficiently and economically, support for Bilingual and ESL Education, and support in foundational academic areas. For most items, 96% of respondents expressed that they were very satisfied or satisfied with their ESC.

Business Partnerships and Cost Savings

ESCs partner with private entities to assist schools in purchasing items and services. Combined, the 20 ESCs partner with over 10,600 vendors for a total of over \$900 million worth of goods and services. This maximization of economies of scale allow schools to have greater access to goods and services, than they would on an individual basis. Additionally, the 2013 Report of Cost Savings found that Texas schools save approximately a combined \$835 million by utilizing ESC services.

Region 10 – Richardson

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Quick Facts

Number of School Districts and Charter School Systems: 124

Student Population: 776,920

Educator Population (projected): 91,683

Student Population Information

Region 10 serves a student population made up of 18.6% African American, 42.3% Hispanic, 30.7% White, and 8.4% other. Approximately 57.5% of the student population is considered economically disadvantaged.

Unique Regional Issues

Districts in Region 10 range in enrollment from 157,000 to 232 in. Region 10 is currently striving to increase participation from our 44 charter schools. We are also attempting to assist many, small rural districts cope with rapid and accelerating growth and their transition to large, suburban districts.

Funding Sources

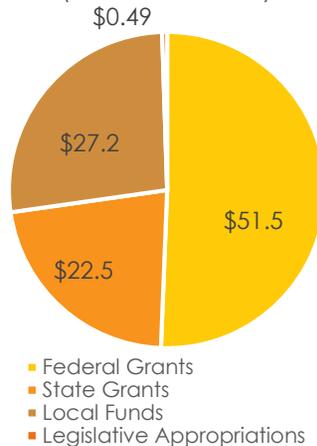
Region 10 revenues for FY 2013 are projected to be \$101.7 million with 26.7% obtained from local funds. Legislative Appropriations are 0.5% of Region 10's total revenues. The ESC leverages these funds to provide core services to schools, including, but not limited to; professional development, school turnaround programs, and implementing state requirements.

Impact of Lost Legislative Appropriations on Districts/Charters

In Region 10, reduction in funding almost always results in reduction in staffing levels. Region 10 has already found it necessary to reduce consulting/technical assistance staff in the four core subject areas. Lost appropriations to the service center must eventually result in increased fees from districts and charters served if services are to remain at current levels. Additionally, it is difficult to serve low SES students attending high performing campuses due to funding focus on low performing campuses.

Revenue by Source

(Millions of Dollars)



Projects & Initiatives

TxVSN

Region 10 functions as the Central Operations provider for the Texas Virtual School Network (TxVSN). Our primary functions are; facilitation of the delivery of online courses, conduct the review of electronic courses to be offered through the network, solicit courses from school districts for review and provide training to qualified online course reviewers.

SPEDTx

Region 10 administers the statewide Special Education hotline (SPEDTx), designed to provide accurate and timely information and answers to stakeholders (parents, teachers, administrators etc.) across the state.

Testing Center

Region 10 serves as a public test site for the entire "Technical Test Battery" from Pearson including GED, Information Technology and Professional Licensure and Certification Tests.

ESC Executive Director – Mr. Buddy Echols (Retiring)

Dr. Gordon Taylor (effective Nov. 2014)

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