

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

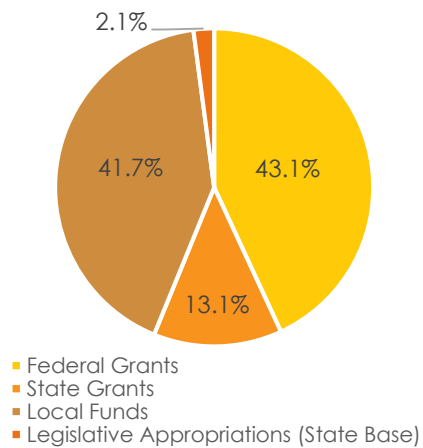
Regional Education Service Centers (ESC) have multiple levels of accountability and oversight. Each ESC has a locally-elected board of directors tasked with overseeing the ESC, approving an annual budget, and hiring an executive director. The Commissioner of Education also has broad oversight over the 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 11 – Fort Worth

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Quick Facts

Number of School Districts and Charter School Systems: 129

Student Population: 562,831

Educator Population (projected): 66,565

Student Population Information

Region 11 serves a student population made up of 14.1% African American, 34.3% Hispanic, 43.9% White, and 7.7% other. Approximately 50.1% of the student population is considered economically disadvantaged.

Unique Regional Issues

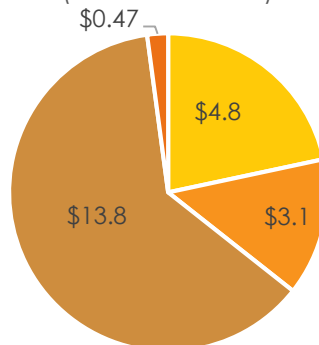
Out of the 77 districts and 55 charter campuses served by ESC Region 11, 10 districts are considered fast-growth and 37 are considered rural. As student population continues to grow, the financial demands to meet instructional needs, provide classroom facilities, hire and retain highly qualified classroom teachers will be an increasing challenge.

Funding Sources

Region 11 revenues for FY 2013 are projected to be \$22.1 million with 62.2% obtained from federal grants and local funds. Legislative Appropriations are 2.1% of Region 11's total revenues. The ESC leverages these funds to provide services to schools, including, but not limited to; professional development, school turnaround programs, and business management service.

Revenue by Source

(Millions of Dollars)



- Federal Grants
- State Grants
- Local Funds
- Legislative Appropriations

Impact of Lost Legislative Appropriations on Districts/Charters

Currently other ESC funding sources must be utilized to provide required state base (Legislative Appropriations) services. Additional reduction in state base funding would impact the quantity of state and regional programs, initiatives, products and services offered to ESC Region 11 urban, suburban and rural districts and charters.



Projects & Initiatives

Business Center Contract

ESC Region 11 Business Center Contract utilizes a business model that streamlines and facilitates business procedures and practices for ten districts and nine charters. ESC Region 11 processes finance and payroll transactions and provides unlimited technical assistance to establish, support, and maintain a business model that can be followed and maintained regardless of changes in school personnel.

Charter School Network

The statewide Charter School Network, led by ESC Region 11, is a collaborative initiative between TEA, ESC Region 11 and the Texas Charter School Association (TCSA). The purpose of the Network is to provide an extensive support system for over 650 established and new charters.

ESC Executive Director – Dr. Clyde Steelman

2014-15 Snapshot

Counties Served: Cooke, Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise