

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

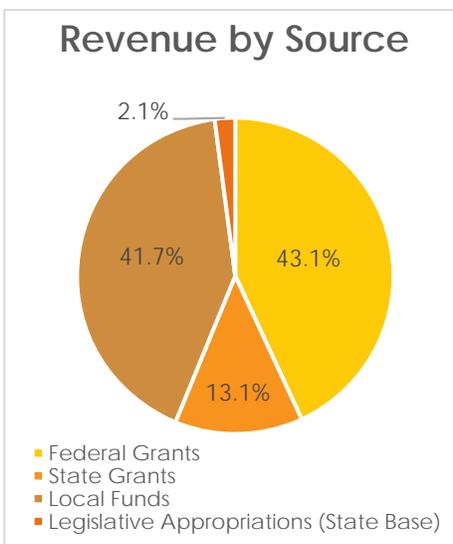
Accountability

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.



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 12 – Waco

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Quick Facts

Number of School Districts and Charter School Systems: 91

Student Population: 161,025

Educator Population (projected): 22,224

Student Population Information

Region 12 serves a student population made up of 19.7% African American, 31.8% Hispanic, 42.1% White, and 6.4% other. Approximately 59.1% of the student population is considered economically disadvantaged.

Unique Regional Issues

ESC Region 12 is home to Fort Hood, the world's largest military installation, based in Bell County. ESC Region 12 provides assistance with the professional development, counseling, school finance and mobility challenges related to serving children of military families.

Projects & Initiatives

STEM Academy Partnership

ESC Region 12 is part of a STEM research partnership with Baylor University and Huckabee architects to provide a state of the art STEM academy at the Baylor Research and Innovation Collaboration (BRIC) in Waco. In 2014-15, students and teachers will be trained by ESC Region 12 alongside scientists and major high-tech firms including SpaceX and L-3. Baylor will collect the metrics for research studies to determine best classroom designs for student achievement.

Finance/Business Office Services

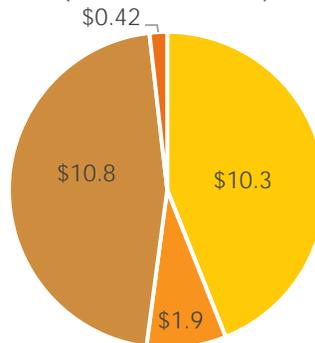
ESC Region 12 has developed an entire suite of school finance and business office support services. This includes, but is not limited to, revenue estimate calculations, tax-rate calculations, MOE (Maintenance of Effort) calculations, pre-audit services, cash flow analysis, PFIA (Public Funds Investment Act) compliance assistance, and other services to help districts maximize efficient and economical financial operations.

Funding Sources

Region 12 revenues for FY 2013 are projected to be \$23.7 million with 45.7% obtained from local funds. Legislative Appropriations are 2.7% of Region 12'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

ESC Region 12's loss of state base would result in increased costs of training and services to our schools. ESC Region 12 uses state base funding to support training in the core areas (math, science, ELA and social studies), school finance, accountability, PEIMS assistance, and teacher certification help desk support.

ESC Executive Director – Dr. Jerry Maze

2014-15 Snapshot

Counties Served: Bell, Bosque, Coryell, Falls, Freestone, Hamilton, Hill, Lampasas, Limestone, McLennan, Mills, and Navarro