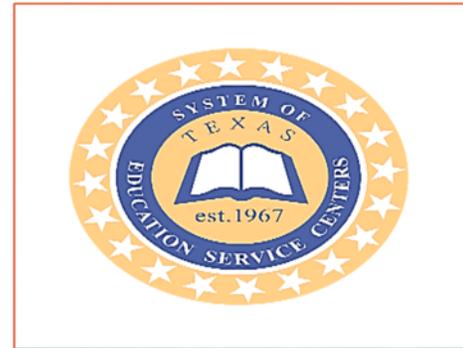


System of Regional Education Service Centers

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Quick Facts

Number of Regional Education Service Centers: 20

Established: 1967

Number of School Districts and Charter Schools Served:

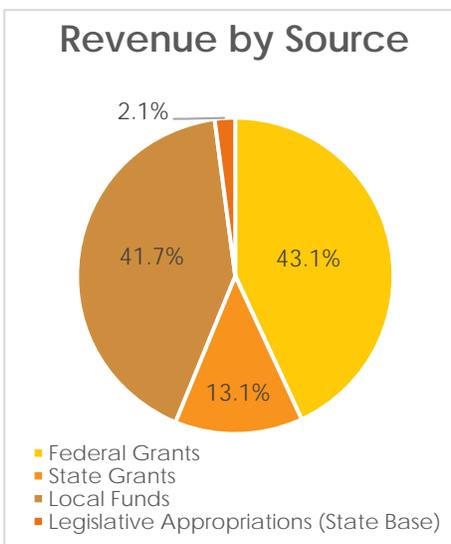
Accountability

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 13 – Austin

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Quick Facts

Number of School Districts and Charter School Systems: 78

Student Population: 380,872

Educator Population (projected): 48,753



Student Population Information

Region 13 serves a student population made up of 7.4% African American, 46.1% Hispanic, 39.5% White, and 7.0% other. Approximately 59.1% of the student population is considered economically disadvantaged.

Unique Regional Issues

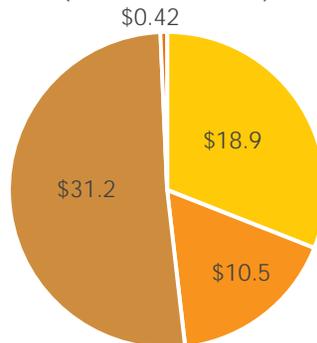
School districts within Region 13 have experienced significant population growth over the last several years. Region 13 is helping districts navigate this growth in student population that have various needs and require diverse services.

Funding Sources

Region 13 revenues for FY 2013 are projected to be \$61.4 million with 51.3% obtained from local funds. Legislative Appropriations are 0.7% of Region 13'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

If Region 13 were to lose legislative appropriations, prices of services related to providing support for student performance would need to be increased by over 10% to maintain quality. The most significant impact would be on small and rural districts. Additionally, products and services that ESC-13 currently provides to districts and charter schools at no cost would become available only to schools that could pay for that product or service and our ability to provide a level of no cost support for campuses requiring improvement would be eliminated.

Projects & Initiatives

Curriculum Council

The ESC 13 Curriculum Council meets throughout the school year to provide district curriculum and special education leaders up-to-date information about major curriculum, instruction, and assessment initiatives. All central office personnel and campus level administrators with district responsibilities are encouraged to attend. Meetings for the 2014-15 school year will be available face to face and through a virtual environment.

Instructional Coaching

ESC Region 13 offers instructional coaching through our experienced, successful instructional coaches. Our coaches model research-based instructional strategies and best practices as they work one-on-one with teachers and departments or teams. Our goal is to support campuses in increasing quality instructional practices and improve student learning.

ESC Executive Director – Dr. Terry Smith

2014-15 Snapshot

Counties Served: Bastrop, Bell, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Comal, Fayette, Gillespie, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall, Lee, Llano, Milam, Travis, and Williamson