

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

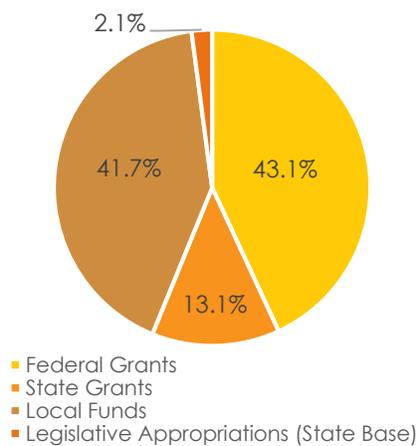
Regional Education Service Centers (ESC) have multiple levels of accountability and oversight. Each ESC has a locally-elected board of directors tasked with overseeing the ESC, approving an annual budget, and hiring an executive director. The Commissioner of Education also has broad oversight over the 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 14 – Abilene

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Quick Facts

Number of School Districts and Charter School Systems: 43

Student Population: 55,738

Educator Population (projected): 7,081



Student Population Information

Region 14 serves a student population made up of 7.7% African American, 33.7% Hispanic, 53.5% White, and 5.1% other. Approximately 55.1% of the student population is considered economically disadvantaged.

Unique Regional Issues

It is difficult for districts to find qualified/certified teachers, instructional aides, bus drivers, child nutrition staff, and maintenance and custodial staff due to the oil boom taking place in West Texas.

Projects & Initiatives

Instructional Rounds

Region 14 has implemented the Harvard Instructional Rounds model for continuous improvement by developing region-wide instructional networks. This process assists schools in identifying and improving their classroom instructional practices by utilizing educators from outside their school system. ESC personnel guide network members through this process and work with school staff to implement recommendations for improvement.

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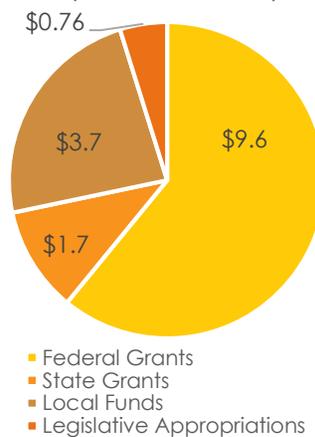
Region 14 host COMPILE (Collaborative on Mentoring & Planning Innovative Learning Environments). This evolving group of educators from across the state and region come together each semester for a day of inspiration, sharing, encouragement, and innovative discussions. Cultivating student-centered environments, utilizing technology tools of today, and incorporating global collaboration is evidenced in each participant and each agenda.

Funding Sources

Region 14 revenues for FY 2013 are projected to be \$15.7 million with 23.4% obtained from local funds. Legislative Appropriations are 4.9% of Region 14'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)



Impact of Lost Legislative Appropriations on Districts/Charters

If Region 14 lost the legislative appropriations, the replacement of these lost funds would have to be made up from higher prices charged to districts for services and products to maintain quality. The number of professional development sessions districts could elect to participate in would be greatly reduced due to a significant reduction in personnel at the ESC.

ESC Executive Director – Mr. Ronnie Kincaid

2014-15 Snapshot

Counties Served: Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, and Taylor