

# 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

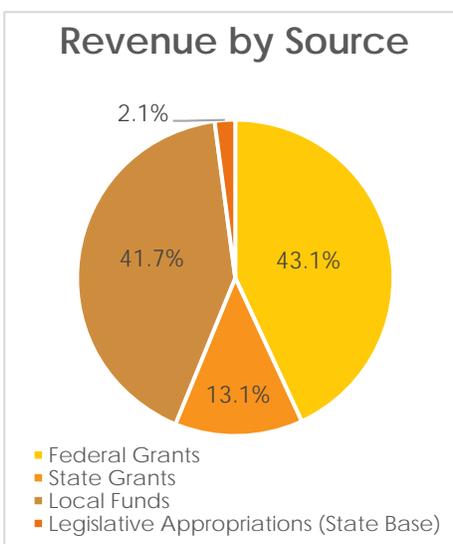
## Accountability

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 15 – San Angelo

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## Quick Facts

Number of School Districts and Charter School Systems: 43

Student Population: 48,145

Educator Population (projected): 6,982



## Student Population Information

Region 15 serves a student population made up of 2.6% African American, 57.2% Hispanic, 38.2% White, and 2.0% other. Approximately 60.2% of the student population is considered economically disadvantaged.

## Unique Regional Issues

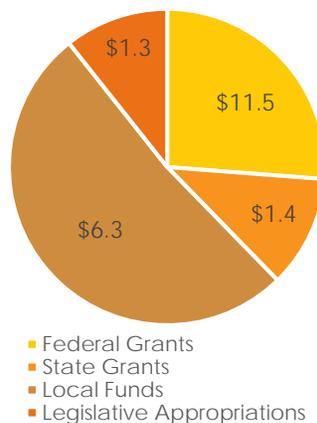
Region 15 serves 18 counties in rural West Texas, encompassing over 25,000 square miles. Eight of the counties are comprised of a single district. The majority of the districts are small and have to travel several hours to a larger city.

## Funding Sources

Region 15 revenues for FY 2013 are projected to be \$12.2 million with 51.7% obtained from local funds. Legislative Appropriations are 10.5% of Region 15'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 15 lost the legislative appropriations, districts would be drastically impacted due to the price increases they would incur for ESC services. Districts would likely have to eliminate some of the services/products in which they currently participate. West Texas districts do not have the same options for service providers as districts near a larger city might experience and are very dependent on the Regional Education Service Centers and the services they provide.

## Projects & Initiatives

### Wireless Wide Area Network (WWAN)

Region 15 built out a Wireless Wide Area Network (WWAN) in 2009. The WWAN is a microwave-based, robust, and scalable broadband network that provides broadband services to districts within Region 15's boundaries. The majority of Region 15 districts would not have access to broadband services without the WWAN. Because of the WWAN, Region 15 districts have a network that fully supports their technology initiatives and goals.

### Instructional/Administrative Services

Region 15 has 100% LEA participation in its Instructional/Administrative Services contract. The services provided through this contract are designed to assist districts/charters in improving student performance and to meet the needs of all students, including economically disadvantaged and bilingual.

ESC Executive Director – Mr. Scot Goen

2014-15 Snapshot

Counties Served: Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Irion, Kimble, Mason, Menard, McCulloch, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, and Val Verde