

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

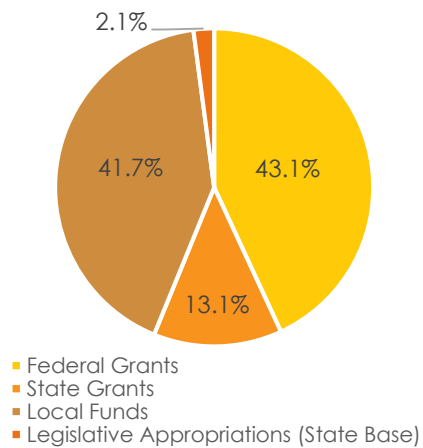
Regional Education Service Centers (ESC) have multiple levels of accountability and oversight. Each ESC has a locally-elected board of directors tasked with overseeing the ESC, approving an annual budget, and hiring an executive director. The Commissioner of Education also has broad oversight over the 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 16 – Amarillo

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Quick Facts

Number of School Districts and Charter School Systems: 64

Student Population: 86,440

Educator Population (projected): 11,892

Student Population Information

Region 16 serves a student population made up of 5.1% African American, 45.2% Hispanic, 44.5% White, and 5.2% other. Approximately 59.1% of the student population is considered economically disadvantaged.

Unique Regional Issues

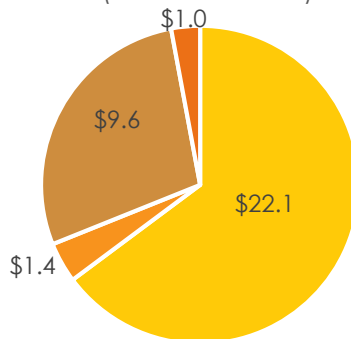
Region 16 has one of the largest numbers of asylum/refugee students in the state which poses challenging instructional issues for districts already struggling with retaining and attracting quality certified teachers to the area.

Funding Sources

Region 16 revenues for FY 2013 are projected to be \$34.1 million with 28.1% obtained from local funds. Legislative Appropriations are 3.0% of Region 16'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 16 were to lose legislative appropriations, cost of our core services to districts would have to be increased or the cost would have to be passed on to the district. When surveyed, districts reported that if service prices were to increase, the majority of districts said they would have to cut or reduce professional development services in order to keep vital direct services and programs. A reduction of this kind would mean reduced instructional supports to teachers from rural areas where Region 16 is the primary provider of high quality professional development.

Projects & Initiatives

Technology Services

Technology Services continues to work with local providers to increase broadband connectivity to our rural schools. We currently provide 58 of our 62 districts connections to region16.net via broadband connections. Recently Region 16 ESC deployed video phones to all of our Superintendents. Each Superintendent in the region can place video calls at no charge to every other Superintendent in the region as well as select Region 16 ESC directors. Region 16 also offers Interconnected VoIP services to districts. This service includes voicemail to inbox, conference calling up to 5 participants, videoconferencing, call forwarding and auto attendant.

Instructional Support Services

Region 16 meets the needs of all learners and leaders through various programs. Instructional Support Services facilitates Systemic Alignment and Instructional Rounds workshops both on-site and at cluster sites. Leadership teams work on systemic processes and instructional problems of practice to strengthen instruction.

Executive Director- Mr. John Bass

2014-15 Snapshot

Counties Served: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler