

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

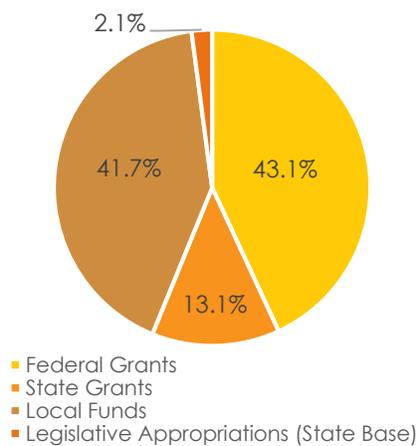
Regional Education Service Centers (ESC) have multiple levels of accountability and oversight. Each ESC has a locally-elected board of directors tasked with overseeing the ESC, approving an annual budget, and hiring an executive director. The Commissioner of Education also has broad oversight over the 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 17 - Lubbock

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Quick Facts

Number of School Districts and Charter Schools Systems: 63

Student Population: 83,330

Educator Population (projected): 11,512

Student Population Information

Region 4 serves a student population made up of 6.8% African American, 56.9% Hispanic, 33.4% White, and 2.9% other. Approximately 61.0% of the student population is considered economically disadvantaged.

Unique Regional Issues

Districts are currently experiencing a shortage of highly qualified or certified teachers and trained administrative support positions. The majority of the districts in the region are rural; therefore, teacher sustainability is difficult due to lack of housing in these districts.

Funding Sources

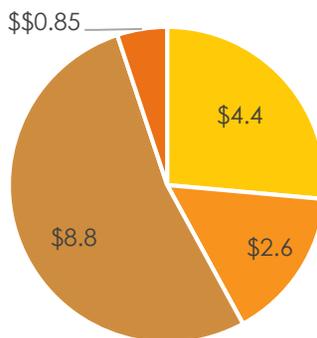
Region 17 revenues for FY 2013 are projected to be \$16.6 million with 52.8% obtained from local funds. Legislative Appropriations (State Base) are 5.1% of Region 17's total revenues. The ESC leverages these funds to provide services to schools, including, but not limited to; professional development, school turnaround programs, and business management service.

Impact of Lost Legislative Appropriations on Districts/Charters

If Region 17 lost legislative appropriations, the cost of services to districts/charters would have to increase or the level of services would have to be reduced or discontinued. Superintendents in Region 17 have expressed that elimination of these agreements would, in many cases, prohibit them from obtaining services due to the location of the rural districts. Vendors are not willing to serve them regardless of budget issues.

Revenue by Source

(Millions of Dollars)



- Federal Grants
- State Grants
- Local Funds
- Legislative Appropriations (State Base)



Projects & Initiatives

Wide Area Network

Region 17 is upgrading its Wide Area Network to 50 Megabits per district. This will provide districts with access to high speed Internet, which allows teachers to incorporate technology in their instruction, high definition two-way video conferencing, and an increase in opportunities for dual credit.

Leadership Support

ESC 17 conducts monthly meetings with 1st and 2nd year superintendents to better serve their needs. These meetings facilitate a mentorship with more experienced superintendents and provide them with timely resources to help them be more successful. The Principal Academy meets quarterly and facilitates a network for principals across the region.

ESC Executive Director – Dr. Kyle Wargo

2014-15 Snapshot

Counties Served: Bailey, Borden, Cochran, Cottle, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Kent, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Terry, Yoakum