

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

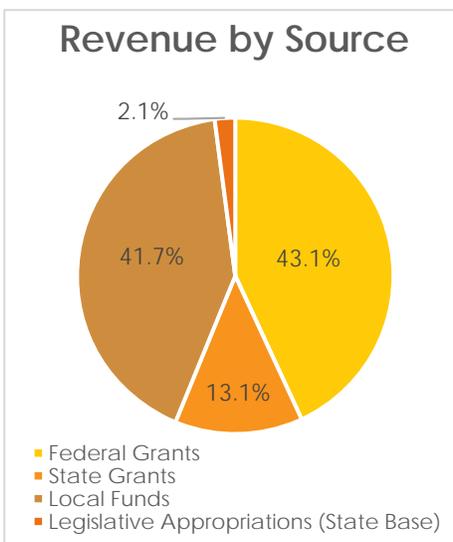
Accountability

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 19 – El Paso

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Quick Facts

Number of School Districts and Charter School Systems: 18

Student Population: 182,814

Educator Population (projected): 22,812



Student Population Information

Region 19 serves a student population made up of 2.4% African American, 89.6% Hispanic, 6.3% White, and 1.7% other. Approximately 74.9% of the student population is considered economically disadvantaged.

Unique Regional Issues

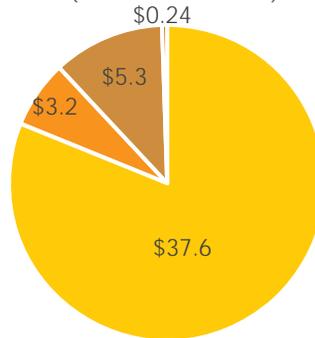
Both El Paso and Hudspeth counties are border counties and El Paso is host to one of the world's largest military installations. The percentage of adults (in El Paso County) over 25 years of age with a high school diploma is 7.1 percent lower than the percentage for the state.

Funding Sources

Region 19 revenues for FY 2013 are projected to be \$46.3 million with 11.5% obtained from local funds. Legislative Appropriations are 0.5% of Region 19'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

Loss of state funds would create a cost recovery approach by our ESC for services to ISDs. ESC-Region 19 would possibly have to reduce staff in key areas such as PEIMS and core content professional development. Our small school allotment is funded with state based funds and is used to support professional development, technology application subscriptions, as well as board training for our small rural schools. The loss of state funds would impact those districts the most.

Projects & Initiatives

Turnaround Team

ESC-Region 19 has created a turnaround team and built capacity in the area of school support to provide training and guidance to priority and focus schools in order to support the implementation of the Texas Accountability and Intervention System. In addition, an ESC Response to Intervention (RTI) team provides campus administrators and support teams the tools, skill development and appropriate training to assist with state mandated initiatives at the campus level.