

# 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

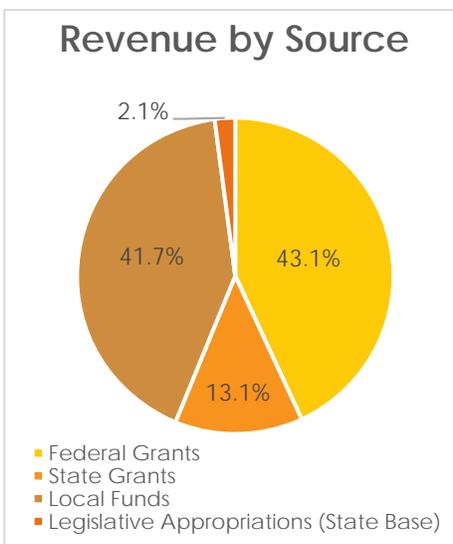
## Accountability

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 2 - Corpus Christi

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## Quick Facts

Number of School Districts and Charter Schools Systems: 47

Student Population (projected): 105,796

Educator Population (projected): 14,046

## Student Population Information

Region 2 serves a student population made up of 2.6% African American, 73.9% Hispanic, 21.0% White, and 2.5% other. Approximately 64.2% of the student population is considered economically disadvantaged.

## Unique Regional Issues

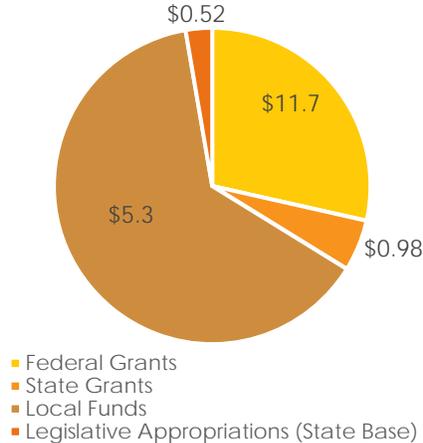
Region 2 schools have struggled over the past year to find teachers amid Eagle Ford Shale-related housing shortages and wage competition. These unique challenges and the resulting turnover takes its toll on academics but regional school districts continue to work towards solutions.

## Funding Sources

Region 2 revenues for FY 2013 are projected to be \$18.6 million with 63.1% obtained from local funds. Although Legislative Appropriations (State Base) are 2.8% of Region 2'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 2 lost the legislative appropriations, prices of services and products to districts and charters would need to increase to maintain quality. In addition, there may be a reduction in pro-bono services that may impact the schools' ability to implement legislative initiatives and mandates.

## Projects & Initiatives

### Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPIY)

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPIY), an evidenced-based early learning program, addresses achievement gap issues by supporting parents in their critical role as their child's first and most influential teachers. In the HIPPIY model, peer home visitors deliver 30 weeks of high quality school readiness curriculum directly to parents who then work with their own three, four, and five year-old children. Region 2 is the only ESC in the state of Texas with a HIPPIY project as part of the Texas Home Visitation model.

### Early Scholar's Academy (ESA)

Region 2's ESA is a unique 16,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art discovery and learning center for improving school readiness of young children. Nine "discovery centers" provide children interactive learning experiences that inspire early college and career readiness perspectives. These experiences may otherwise be out of reach for many economically disadvantaged children.

ESC Executive Director – Dr. Rick Alvarado

2014-15 Snapshot

Counties Served: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, McMullen, Nueces, and San Patricio