

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

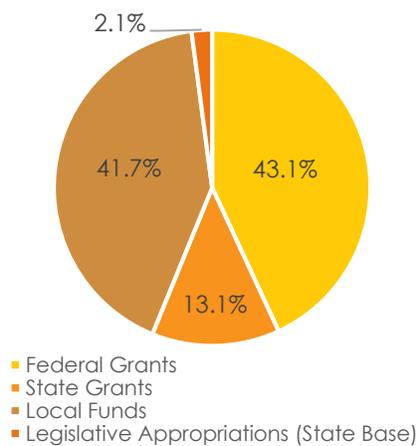
Regional Education Service Centers (ESC) have multiple levels of accountability and oversight. Each ESC has a locally-elected board of directors tasked with overseeing the ESC, approving an annual budget, and hiring an executive director. The Commissioner of Education also has broad oversight over the 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 3 - Victoria

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Quick Facts

Number of School Districts and Charter Schools Systems: 39

Student Population: 53,528

Educator Population (projected): 7,871

Student Population Information

Region 3 serves a student population made up of 9.3% African American, 54.5% Hispanic, 33.6% White, and 2.6% other. Approximately 62.0% of the student population is considered economically disadvantaged.

Unique Regional Issues

Region 3 school districts are primarily rural school districts; that are having difficulty hiring specialized personnel. Additionally, the Eagle Ford Shale has impacted rural ability to attract, retain, and house staff.

Funding Sources

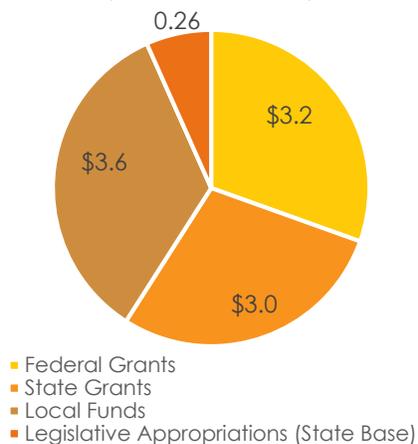
Region 3 revenues for FY 2013 are projected to be \$10.4 million with 34.1% obtained from local funds. Legislative Appropriations (State Base) are 6.4% of Region 3's total revenues. The ESC leverages these funds to provide services to schools, including, but not limited to; professional development, school turnaround programs, and business management service.

Impact of Lost Legislative Appropriations on Districts/Charters

If Region 3 lost the legislative appropriations, prices of services and products would have to be increased. In addition, quality would be more difficult to maintain as some staff would have to be eliminated.

Revenue by Source

(Millions of Dollars)



Projects & Initiatives

Elementary and Secondary Inclusion

Elementary and Secondary Inclusion project provides small schools the opportunity to train campus administrators and teachers to provide quality inclusion services for students. Trained ESC staff and an outside consultant train and provide technical assistance to campus staff to implement strong inclusion projects within their schools.

Leadership Services provides Informational Televised (NET3)

This program supports small school districts with information and assistance from every division within the ESC. These sessions provide technical information from TEA through various ESC staff members, legal updates by a law firm representative, and local opportunities of ESC services to schools within the region.

School Finance Services

School Finance Services are provided to districts to provide assistance with all aspects of school finances. Training and technical support are provided throughout the year.

ESC Executive Director – Dr. Patricia Shafer

2014-15 Snapshot

Counties Served: Calhoun, Colorado, Dewitt, Goliad, Jackson, Karnes, Lavaca, Matagorda, Refugio, Victoria, and Wharton