

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

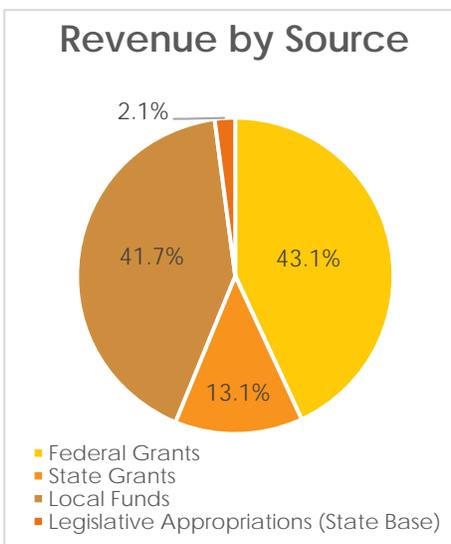
Accountability

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 5 – Beaumont

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Quick Facts

Number of School Districts and Charter Schools Systems: 36

Student Population: 81,986

Educator Population (projected): 11,536

Student Population Information

Region 5 serves a student population made up of 27.4% African American, 17.1% Hispanic, 50.7% White, and 4.8% other. Approximately 58.7% of the student population is considered economically disadvantaged.

Unique Regional Issues

In the past 10 years, Region 5 has been THE frontline in helping TEA and our schools deal with 3 major disasters in Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Ike. Each time, Region 5 coordinated relief efforts across the region and acted as liaison between our schools, TEA, FEMA, and the Red Cross.

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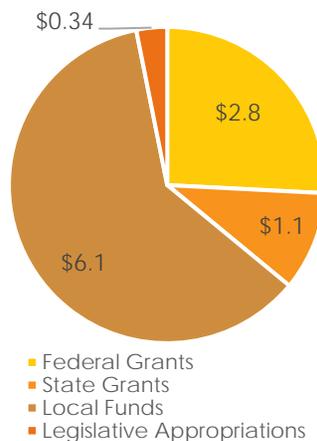
Region 5 revenues for FY 2013 are projected to be \$10.8 million with 60.8% obtained local funds. Legislative Appropriations are 3.1% of Region 5's total revenues. The ESC leverages these funds to provide services to schools, including, but not limited to; professional development, school turnaround programs, and business management service.

Impact of Lost Legislative Appropriations on Districts/Charters

If Region 5 lost legislative appropriations, the prices our services and products would increase, having a direct impact on our districts and students. Schools with limited funds would reduce their participation in our trainings and coops. Region 5 is already the most cost effective source for these services, so schools would simply be forced to do without, which would have a direct impact on student success.

Revenue by Source

(Millions of Dollars)



Projects & Initiatives

Spanish Distance Learning (SDL)

Region 5 serves 6 districts and over 450 students through our Distance Learning Courses in Spanish instruction. This initiative was created 6 years ago in direct response to our schools inability to recruit and retain quality Spanish instructors. Many of our schools have utilized this service, with as many as 700+ students being served in peak years.

Regional Curriculum

Conferences—Region 5 has answered the call for quality, local curriculum conferences both region-wide and at the individual county level. We have coordinated multiple-day county professional development conferences allowing districts and staff to network and share ideas without having to travel outside the region. Our region-wide Curriculum Conference has grown from 400 to over 1,500 participants in the past 3 years, offering renowned speakers, world class curriculum instruction, and professional development.

