

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

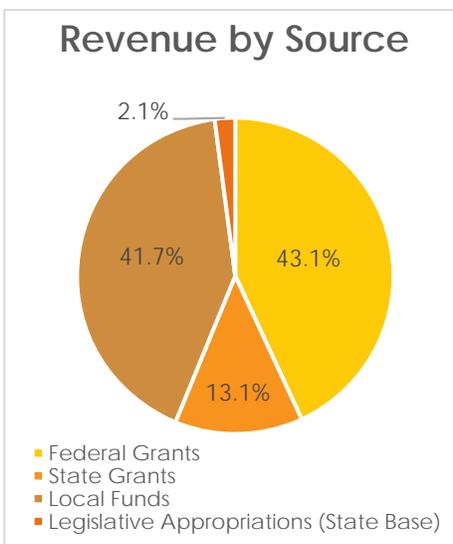
Accountability

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 6 – Huntsville

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Quick Facts

Number of School Districts and Charter Schools Systems: 59

Student Population: 177,412

Educator Population (projected): 23,258

Student Population Information

Region 6 serves a student population made up of 11.0% African American, 32.6% Hispanic, 51.8% White, and 4.6% other. Approximately 51.5% of the student population is considered economically disadvantaged.

Unique Regional Issues

A unique issue is the discrepancy of beginning salaries among school districts in our region. It is very difficult for small rural school districts to employ quality teachers when they are competing against suburban school districts that offer some of the highest salaries in the state.

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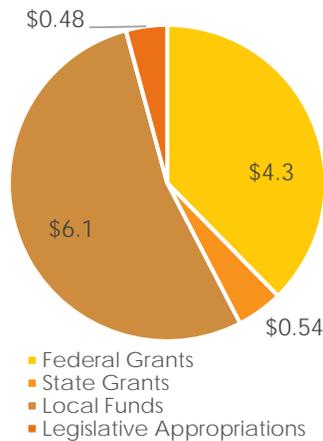
Region 6 revenues for FY 2013 are projected to be \$11.4 million with 53.4% obtained from local funds. Legislative Appropriations are 4.2% of Region 6's total revenues. The ESC leverages these funds to provide services to schools, including, but not limited to; professional development, school turnaround programs, and business management service.

Impact of Lost Legislative Appropriations on Districts/Charters

If Region 6 lost the legislative appropriations, it would have to increase contract fees and product prices 4.2% or reduce ESC staff to minimize the impact. Increasing contract fees and product prices creates the risk of Region 6 school districts reducing their participation with the ESC. Reducing the number of Region 6 staff to minimize the impact of lost legislative appropriations creates the possibility of reduced professional development offerings.

Revenue by Source

(Millions of Dollars)



Projects & Initiatives

VGO/Morgan's Angels

VGO/Morgan's Angels uses robotic technology to help students with home bound needs, students in Special Education that cannot be in the classroom due to behavior issues, and students in in-school suspension. With the start of the 2014-15 school year Region 6 has 21 robots that will have been in 28 districts and will have helped 36 students since 2012. This program has grown into the largest home bound program using a robot in the United States.

EduHero

EduHero is a self-paced, interactive, and engaging platform for delivery of on-demand professional development. The result is more classroom instructional time, less travel, and a professionally trained staff. EduHero offers courses to satisfy both state and federal compliance mandates. The website currently has over 18,000 registered users and has issued over 93,000 certificates.

ESC Executive Director – Mr. Michael Holland

2014-15 Snapshot

Counties Served: Austin, Brazos, Burlison, Grimes, Houston, Leon, Madison, Milam, Montgomery, Polk, Robertson, San Jacinto, Trinity, Walker, and Washington