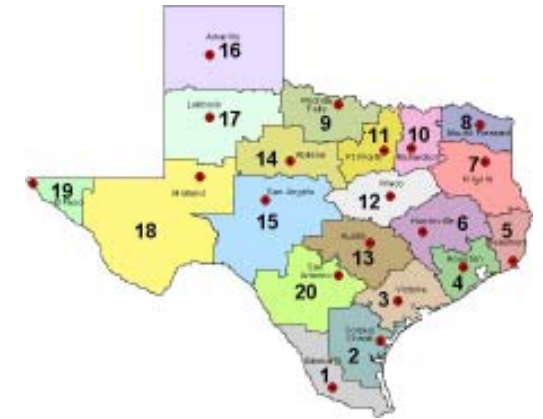




DIRECTORY of the REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE CENTERS of TEXAS

<p>Region 1 www.esc1.net</p> <p>1900 West Schunior (956) 984-6000</p> <p>Edinburg, TX 78541-2234 FAX (956) 984-7655</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Mr. Jack Damron</i></p> <p>7 counties 533 campuses</p> <p>383,460 students 37 districts, 32 charters</p>	<p>Region 8 www.reg8.net</p> <p>P.O. Box 1894, 2230 N. Edwards (903) 572-8551</p> <p>Mt. Pleasant, TX 75456-1894 FAX (903) 575-2611</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Mr. Harvey Hohenberger</i></p> <p>11 counties 161 campuses</p> <p>56,778 students 48 districts, 0 charters</p>	<p>Region 15 www.netxv.net</p> <p>P.O. Box 5199, 612 S. Irene St. (325) 658-6571</p> <p>San Angelo, TX 76902-5199 FAX (325) 655-4823</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Mr. Scot Goen</i></p> <p>18 counties 192 campuses</p> <p>45,387 students 43 districts, 2 charters</p>
<p>Region 2 www.esc2.net</p> <p>209 N. Water Street (361) 561-8400</p> <p>Corpus Christi, TX 78401-2599 FAX (361) 883-3442</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Dr. Linda Villarreal</i></p> <p>11 counties 294 campuses</p> <p>105,512 students 42 districts, 6 charters</p>	<p>Region 9 www.esc9.net</p> <p>301 Loop 11 (940) 322-6928</p> <p>Wichita Falls, TX 76306-3706 FAX (940) 767-3836</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Ms. Anne Poplin</i></p> <p>12 counties 126 campuses</p> <p>38,889 students 38 districts, 1 charter</p>	<p>Region 16 www.esc16.net</p> <p>5800 Bell Street (806) 677-5000</p> <p>Amarillo, TX 79109-6230 FAX (806) 677-5001</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Mr. John Bass</i></p> <p>26 counties 222 campuses</p> <p>80,040 students 63 districts, 2 charters</p>
<p>Region 3 www.esc3.net</p> <p>1905 Leary Lane (361) 573-0731</p> <p>Victoria, TX 77901-2899 FAX (361) 576-4804</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Dr. Julius D. Cano</i></p> <p>11 counties 164 campuses</p> <p>52,496 students 40 districts, 1 charter</p>	<p>Region 10 www.region10.org</p> <p>400 E. Spring Valley Rd. (972) 348-1700</p> <p>Richardson, TX 75081-5101 FAX (972) 231-3642</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Mr. Wilburn O. Echols, Jr.</i></p> <p>8 counties 1,116 campuses</p> <p>710,590 students 80 districts, 38 charters</p>	<p>Region 17 www.esc17.net</p> <p>1111 West Loop 289 (806) 792-4000</p> <p>Lubbock, TX 79416-5029 FAX (806) 792-1523</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Dr. Kyle Wargo</i></p> <p>20 counties 240 campuses</p> <p>78,636 students 57 districts, 5 charters</p>
<p>Region 4 www.esc4.net</p> <p>7145 West Tidwell (713) 462-7708</p> <p>Houston, TX 77092-2096 FAX (713) 744-6514</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Dr. Bill McKinney</i></p> <p>7 counties 1,288 campuses</p> <p>1,031,462 students 54 districts, 46 charters</p>	<p>Region 11 www.esc11.net</p> <p>3001 North Freeway (817) 740-3600</p> <p>Ft. Worth, TX 76106-6596 FAX (817) 740-7600</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Mr. Richard Ownby</i></p> <p>10 counties 816 campuses</p> <p>510,207 students 77 districts, 26 charters</p>	<p>Region 18 www.esc18.net</p> <p>P.O. Box 60580, 2811 LaForce Blvd. (432) 563-2380</p> <p>Midland, TX 79711-0580 FAX (432) 567-3290</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Mr. Charles Greenawalt</i></p> <p>19 counties 176 campuses</p> <p>75,222 students 33 districts, 4 charters</p>
<p>Region 5 www.esc5.net</p> <p>2295 Delaware St. (409) 838-5555</p> <p>Beaumont, TX 77703-4299 FAX (409) 833-9755</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Dr. Steve Hyden</i></p> <p>6 counties 178 campuses</p> <p>80,712 students 30 districts, 5 charters</p>	<p>Region 12 www.esc12.net</p> <p>P.O. Box 23409, 2101 W. Loop 340 (254) 297-1212</p> <p>Waco, TX 76702-3409 FAX (254) 666-0625</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Dr. Tom Norris</i></p> <p>12 counties 372 campuses</p> <p>148,516 students 77 districts, 13 charters</p>	<p>Region 19 www.esc19.net</p> <p>P.O. Box 971127, 6611 Boeing Dr. (915) 780-1919</p> <p>El Paso, TX 79997-1127 FAX (915) 780-6537</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Dr. James R. Vasquez</i></p> <p>2 counties 241 campuses</p> <p>173,735 students 12 districts, 6 charters</p>
<p>Region 6 www.esc6.net</p> <p>3332 Montgomery Road (936) 435-8400</p> <p>Huntsville, TX 77340-6499 FAX (936) 295-1447</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Mr. Thomas Poe</i></p> <p>15 counties 298 campuses</p> <p>161,061 students 58 districts, 3 charters</p>	<p>Region 13 www.esc13.net</p> <p>5701 Springdale Rd. (512) 919-5313</p> <p>Austin, TX 78723-3675 FAX (512) 919-5374</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Dr. Pat Pringle</i></p> <p>16 counties 554 campuses</p> <p>345,154 students 60 districts, 18 charters</p>	<p>Region 20 www.esc20.net</p> <p>1314 Hines Avenue (210) 370-5200</p> <p>San Antonio, TX 78208-1899 FAX (210) 370-5750</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Dr. Terry W. Smith</i></p> <p>15 counties 651 campuses</p> <p>379,879 students 50 districts, 29 charters</p>
<p>Region 7 www.esc7.net</p> <p>1909 North Longview Street (903) 988-6700</p> <p>Kilgore, TX 75662-6827 FAX (903) 988-6708</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Mrs. Elizabeth Abernethy</i></p> <p>17 counties 416 campuses</p> <p>164,246 students 96 districts, 10 charters</p>	<p>Region 14 www.esc14.net</p> <p>1850 Highway 351 (325) 675-8600</p> <p>Abilene, TX 79601-4750 FAX (325) 675-8659</p> <p>Executive Director: <i>Mr. Ronnie Kincaid</i></p> <p>13 counties 168 campuses</p> <p>47,206 students 42 districts, 1 charter</p>	<p>Data compiled from Texas Education Agency Snapshot: 2007 <i>askTED</i>, 2007-2008 PEIMS Standard Enrollment Report, and ESC Executive Directors Data as of: September, 2008</p> <p>website: www.texasresc.net</p>

ROLE AND FUNCTIONS



REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE CENTERS of TEXAS

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IN SUPPORT OF QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL DISTRICTS and STUDENTS!



HISTORY

Established Legislatively

In 1967 the Texas Legislature directed that the State Board of Education provide, by rules and regulations, for the establishment and operation of regional education service centers. Twenty regional service centers provide services to school districts. The centers are service organizations, not regulatory arms of the Texas Education Agency, and participation by schools in services of the centers is voluntary.

Enabling Statutes

Chapter 8 of the Texas Education Code, enacted by the 75th Texas Legislature in 1997 and amended by the 76th and 78th Texas Legislatures, specifies the following purposes of education service centers.

Statutory Purposes

“Regional education service centers shall:

1. assist school districts in improving student performance in each region of the system;
2. enable school districts to operate more efficiently and economically; and
3. implement initiatives assigned by the legislature or the commissioner.”

TEC §8.002. Purpose.



ACCOUNTABILITY

In addition to evaluations performed by regional boards and clients, the center and each executive director are evaluated annually by the Commissioner. This evaluation includes an audit of center finances; a review of the center’s performance on standards and indicators established by the Texas Legislature and the Commissioner; a review of client satisfaction survey data; and other factors deemed appropriate by the Commissioner.



RESPONSIBILITIES

Attaining Mission and Objectives of TEA

Regional education service centers support local districts and charter schools in attaining the mission, goals, and objectives set forth by the Texas Education Agency. The mission of the Texas Education Agency is “to build the capacity for excellence in the Texas public education system and hold the system accountable for providing students with a quality education that enables them to achieve their potential.”

Improving Student and School Performance

State funds are primarily focused on improving student and school district performance. Annual improvement plans provided to the Commissioner must describe



SERVICES AVAILABLE

Training and Professional Development

Education Service Centers provide an array of services to school districts and charter schools. In support of school administration, they provide services in such areas as computer support for business and student services, administrator training, bus driver training, and cooperative purchasing. Centers provide a wide range of curriculum improvement and staff development opportunities for teachers. Technical assistance and training in instructional technology, training in early reading, programs for special populations, and professional development in instructional improvement are common. Centers also operate cooperatives among districts for drug abuse prevention, migrant education, accelerated education, adult education, and other areas.

Accountability Support and Technical Assistance

ESCs have taken a lead role in providing training and technical assistance for the implementation of the Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills (TEKS), the state accountability system, and federal accountability procedures, known as, “No Child Left Behind.” Staff members aid districts in understanding the Texas

services the center will provide to academically unacceptable campuses based on the state accountability system and to the lowest-performing campuses in the region, and to other campuses.

Providing “Core” Services

Services must also be provided that enable districts to operate more efficiently and economically; assist in teaching a variety of subject areas; provide teacher, administrator and board training; assist districts or campuses rated academically unacceptable under the state system of accreditation; assist districts in complying with state or federal education requirements; and promote

Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) objectives and assessments. ESCs assist campuses in the development of school improvement plans, provide training to campus teams, and deliver ongoing support to the teams to improve student learning on individual campuses. Specific programs, particularly in special populations, Head Start and Early Childhood Intervention (ECI), are offered that provide direct services to students and, sometimes, their parents.

Statewide Implementation and Cooperation

In conjunction with the Commissioner and Texas Education Agency personnel, centers have implemented the Texas Education Telecommunications Network (TETN) and regional telecommunications networks that connect local, regional, and state educational entities. This connectivity initiative results in reduced travel costs, increased productivity, and added value for all. Additionally, all Centers have enthusiastically cooperated to develop and provide services for school board training, reading academies, teacher appraisal training, data-driven decision making and other statewide efforts and programs.

compliance with state laws and rules.

TEC §8.051. Core Services and Services to Improve Instruction.

Offering Other Services

In addition to prescribed “core” service and various statewide initiatives, regional education service centers may design and implement a variety of services of interest to districts, charter schools, and campuses. Services from centers may be requested and purchased by any school district or campus in the state. However, regional education service centers may not perform a regulatory function regarding a school district but may assist with compliance. TEC §8.054. Prohibition on Regulatory Function.



GOVERNANCE

Each education service center is governed by a lay board. Members of the board of directors are elected by members of local district boards of trustees and, where applicable, a charter school representative is appointed by the Commissioner.

Center boards develop policies regarding center management and operation, programs and services to be offered, and financial support. Also, boards are empowered to employ and dismiss an executive director subject to the approval of the Commissioner.

The Commissioner has broad responsibility and authority concerning the number and location of centers, regional boundaries, and the allocation of state and federal funds among centers.



FINANCIAL

Regional Education Service Centers do not possess tax levying or bonding authority. Instead, ESCs rely on legislative appropriations, local fees, grants, and contracts for funding.