

ENHANCING SKILLS

BRIDGING GAPS

BUILDING ALLIANCES

Region **12**
Education Service Center
Innovate. Empower. Educate.

TEXAS EDUCATION SERVICE CENTERS *EXIST TO SUPPORT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT.*

Education Service Center Region 12 is a nonprofit organization devoted to supporting educators and school personnel in their efforts to improve student outcomes.

We are passionate about helping schools ensure an equitable education for every student and maintain efficient, economical operations. Everything we do focuses on helping schools align systems and planning to maximize district efficiency.

Our effective, economical programs and services assist schools in three impact areas: educator success, resource development and community outreach.



ENHANCING SKILLS

Educator Success

Schools rely on us to provide personalized, relevant and affordable professional development opportunities that meet the needs of today's learners. Training is developed in response to district and student needs as well as state and federal requirements, accessible to even the most rural areas.

Areas of service include Leadership, Alternative Certification Preparation, Business Information & Finance, Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment, Federal Programs Support, Data Management, Special Education Services and Technology.

We offer professional development through a variety of delivery methods designed to fit the schedules, learning styles and location constraints of all educators in our region. Training incorporates blended and flexible learning and features expert instructors with research-based strategies.

WE BUILD SKILLS

Nearly 40,000 individuals train with us annually, including school personnel, parents, students, business professionals and community members. Sessions cover a wide range of learning experiences, including instructional strategies, classroom management, additional certifications and training for support staff as well as school board members.

WE SUPPORT CHILD FIND AND TRANSITION

Every child should start school with the best chance for long-term academic achievement. For children with disabilities, early detection and intervention are critical to their success. We provide a support network to identify and meet specific student needs from early childhood through graduation. In addition, we help graduates with disabilities access higher education and career opportunities.

WE ARE TALENT SCOUTS

Educators are matched with employment opportunities through job fairs, certification preparation programs, certification relocation assistance and online employment services.

WE SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WHOLE CHILD—FOR EVERY CHILD

ESC staff work with school employees to support the specific needs of all students. This includes providing both training and expert assistance. Services range from assistive technology, evaluation, transition, speech-language, behavior and services for autism, vision impairment and preschool programs for children with disabilities. The center provides Child Find services, to help identify and serve children, from birth to age 21 with implementing appropriate services.

In order to support districts in closing educational gaps, we have a direct focus on equity in our programs and services. We work to broaden the conversation to include access and provide tools that will help leaders take action to ensure equity in every classroom.



EDUCATION SERVICE CENTERS: *No Better Investment*

WE DO MORE WITH LESS.

Annual state funding for Texas Education Service Centers' basic operational expenses has steadily decreased throughout our history. ESC Region 12 receives around 2 percent of undesignated funding from state allocations, but that seed money helps generate millions of dollars in programs and services for schools. Through fee-for-service projects, competitive state and federal grants, and cost-recovery cooperatives, ESC Region 12 brings millions of additional dollars into our schools and communities.

WE EARN THE TRUST OF OUR SCHOOLS.

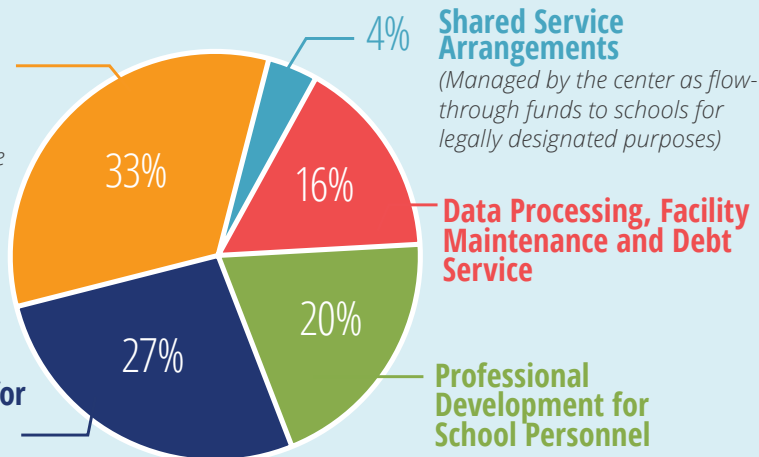
Schools are under no obligation to use or purchase our services. We are proud to earn the trust of our schools through quality services that are relevant and affordable.

SERVICES TO SCHOOLS

Technical Support for Schools

(Grant administration and support, technical assistance for federal programs such as Child Nutrition, state and federal accountability)

Direct Instruction and/or Resources for Students



Shared Service Arrangements

(Managed by the center as flow-through funds to schools for legally designated purposes)

Data Processing, Facility Maintenance and Debt Service

Professional Development for School Personnel

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

We help teachers broaden learning opportunities to students. On average:

1,465

participate in video-conference or online classes (virtual field trips, weather education, interactive virtual learning, etc.)

2,017

attend digital citizenship trainings

12,069

participate in the ACE Afterschool Programs

445

attend events for students with special needs

Numbers based on 2018-19 data

BRIDGING GAPS

Resource Development

As legislators seek to resolve complicated funding issues with the Texas school finance system, education service centers are diligently working to help schools operate more efficiently. Efficient operations mean that more dollars can support the classroom, which is critically important to adequately prepare students for higher education and careers. The services are available to schools on demand, which also saves significant dollars in staffing.

The ESC Region 12 Technology Foundation provides funds to support technology programs that increase student engagement and academic achievement. These instructional technology grants encourage, facilitate, recognize and reward innovative and creative instructional approaches through the use of technology. To be eligible, the grants must aim to enhance student academic performance and support the objectives, goals and initiatives of the Campus Improvement Plan and/or District Improvement Plan.

WE SAVE SCHOOLS MONEY

We help schools leverage and share resources, preserving more money within the classroom for student achievement. It takes more than great teachers to ensure the best education for our young Texans. Our team of specialists allows school personnel to have expertise at their fingertips.

WE ARE SKILLED NEGOTIATORS

Because we are passionate about saving schools money, we actively negotiate reduced pricing for products and specialized services. As a result, our schools have access to tailor-made services, typically saving 75 percent, on average.

WE APPRECIATE THE VALUE OF A DOLLAR

With millions in federal funds at stake, we carefully manage funds for many schools. We help reduce administrative costs and save valuable time.

WE GENERATE MONEY AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR SCHOOLS

Our collaborative approach to financial solutions allows us to respond uniquely to each school. We bring new dollars into schools through strategic partnerships, services and federal, state and private grants. These grants help us to provide enrichment and college and career readiness programs.

WE HELP ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO LEARNING

We equalize educational opportunities for students and school personnel through innovative partnerships, responsive leadership and exceptional programs. Cost-sharing services allow schools to operate more efficiently and expand programs and services. We customize the delivery of training based upon needs.

WE SIMPLIFY LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE

State and federal requirements for public education frequently change. Our team is here to decipher these requirements in a meaningful way so school personnel can focus less energy on interpreting and implementing legislative requirements and more time on instruction.





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Community Outreach

Education is our highest priority. The success of our students depends on the unified leadership of Texas legislators, educators, business leaders and communities. ESC Region 12 is proud to serve as a hub for two-way communication and collaboration as we seek better ways to improve Texas education.

We are serious about advocacy for public education. With so many complicated issues facing our schools, it is more important than ever to stay informed about evolving legislation that impacts school funding and accountability.

WE BRING EDUCATIONAL LEADERS TOGETHER

Regardless of the size or location of schools, they all face common issues. Through forums and collaborative efforts, school personnel collectively discuss and develop solutions related to emerging issues. These groups provide a catalyst for innovative ideas to take root and grow.

WE COLLABORATE WITH OTHERS TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY IMPACT

Through strategic alliances and grant support, we provide community-based training on relevant social issues such as school safety, suicide and bullying prevention as well as understanding poverty and career readiness. On average, the center employs 270 individuals with approximately 60 working directly with students in school.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

Training, consulting and resources for:

- Crisis response and crisis communications support
- School safety & suicide prevention
- Student disability screening & support
- Early childhood development
- Career & college readiness
- Support for parent involvement
- Conference and meeting room rental
- Graphic design, printing and laminating services

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

The Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE) Grant works to establish community learning centers at schools with at least 50 percent economically disadvantaged student populations. The program assists student participants in meeting academic standards in core subject areas. In addition to academic support, students and their families participate in a variety of enrichment activities that complement the regular school day.

COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

In addition to providing training and support, the center operates two college and career readiness grants (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) & Upward Bound). These programs work to increase awareness about and entry to college and career opportunities to students and their families. Both programs provide ongoing support for academic achievement levels for students meeting certain criteria and economic need as well.

LEARNING EXPERIENCES COLLABORATIVE

In 2014, a partnership began between the center, Huckabee and Baylor University creating the Learning Experience Collaborative. The LEx Collaborative, located at the Baylor Research and Innovation Collaborative conducts research at the intersection of professional development and the built environment to determine impact on student engagement and the learning experience. Additionally, the collaborative seeks to empower all stakeholders through immersive experiences, equipping them with data, research-based knowledge and access to a variety of professional services for increasing student engagement and success. The collaborative is comprised of three primary focus areas: Learning Experience Laboratories (LEx Labs), Learning Experienced Impact (LEx Impact) and Learning Experience Research (LEx Research).



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OUR SERVICE AREA



WHO WE SERVE:

- 12** Counties
- 413** Campuses
- 76** School Districts
- 10** Charter Schools
- 22** Private Schools
- 160,613** Students
- 12,138** Teachers
- 24,500** Total Staff



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