

# Examples of ESC Support for Legislative/TEA Initiatives and Requirements

## State and Federal

### Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS):

- TEKS Academies – professional development, training and assistance in teaching the TEKS (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, etc.)
- TALA Academies – middle school academies in English Language Arts
- Math/Science Diagnostic Assessment Instruments – formative assessment tools for improving instruction
- School Readiness Initiative -- Develop program and provide technical assistance through employment of SRI Specialist in each ESC
- Texas Student Data System (TSDS) implementation and training

### Special Education:

- IDEA-B Discretionary – Decentralized Programs, Professional Development, Technical Assistance
  - Deaf Education
  - Dyslexia and Autism Training
  - Parent Coordination and Training in the ARD process
  - Behavior and Discipline Management
  - Assistive Technology
- IDEA-Preschool
  - Professional Development, Technical Assistance
  - Early Childhood Transition/Preschool Least Restrictive Environment
- State Supplemental Visually Impaired – VI Instruction and Training; Orientation & Mobility Training
- Non-Education Community-Based Support Services – respite care, in-home family support, and case management

### School Improvement:

- NCLB Support - Technical assistance to districts and assistance to schools in at-risk situation; emphasis on school improvement and reform efforts
- ESEA Title I School Support - Technical assistance to at-risk districts and campuses; development of school improvement resource center; assistance with parental involvement issues; and emphasis on school reform efforts
- ESEA Title I Migrant - Technical Assistance to Districts, Operation of Student Migrant Record Transfers, Assistance to Districts in operating effective/efficient Migrant programs
- ESEA Title III Part A – LEP - Assistance to districts implementing programs serving LEP populations; serve as fiscal agent for districts with limited allocations to implement such programs; statewide professional development; certification programs in rural areas; assistance with PBMAS
- School Improvement - Assistance to districts and campuses with low student performance

### Career and Technical Education:

- SSA/Cooperatives for districts receiving less than \$15,000 Perkins CTE Grant
- Non-traditional education program technical assistance, performance-based monitoring, professional development, and provision of full-time Perkins employee to assist districts with program implementation

### **Local Services**

#### Technology:

- Technology infrastructure for school districts including connectivity to internet (some regions - Internet Service Provider)
- E-Rate applications, submission, and support
- Professional Development for new applications and hardware
- Distance Learning - Texas Virtual Schools Network – sharing of teachers and instruction via telecommunications including broadcast and internet
- Texas Education Telecommunications Network (TETN) – connection within districts; within regions; with other regions; entire state
- Texas Computer Cooperative – district finance, staff, student accounting and data
- Data Management – storage and student data management systems

#### Business Office:

- Serve as business manager and business office for districts; business management support
- Purchasing Cooperatives – supplies and material; milk and commodities for school lunch program; instructional and non-instructional equipment; construction bidding; etc
- Bus driver training and certification programs
- Food service management and support
- Charter school support

#### Curriculum and Professional Development:

- Gifted/Talented Cooperatives; technical assistance; curriculum support; professional development
- Health Services – cooperatives for health specialists; employment and sharing of school nurses; professional development concerning managing pandemics (e.g., H1N1)
- Head Start and Early Head Start Programs – contract with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to either manage or operate local and multi-county Head Start/Early Head Start Programs (Seven Centers: 7, 9, 10, 14, 16, 19, & 20)
- Curriculum development, management systems, and support

#### Recruitment:

- Alternative certification programs
- Teacher and superintendent recruitment

#### STAAR/TAKS:

- Monitoring of test administration at district request

#### Local School Board Training

- Professional development for school boards