
Each ESC is governed by a board of directors. *Education Code 8.003(a), 12.104(c)*

The board has the legal power and/or duty to:

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| Develop Policies | 1. Develop policies to ensure the sound management and operation of the ESC. <i>Education Code 8.002, 8.003(e)</i> |
| Adopt Election Filing Policies | 2. Adopt policies concerning board election filing procedures. [See BBB(LEGAL)] <i>19 TAC 53.1001(b)(3)</i> |
| Approve Programs and Activities | 3. Approve programs and activities offered to school districts and campuses. <i>Education Code 8.003(e)</i> |
| Adopt a Budget | 4. Adopt an annual budget for the following year after conducting a public hearing on the ESC's performance during the preceding year on standards established by the Commissioner. [See AE(LEGAL), CE(LEGAL)] <i>Education Code 8.003(f)</i> |
| Employ Executive Director | 5. Employ an executive director. The selection and dismissal of the executive director is subject to the approval of the Commissioner. <i>Education Code 8.004</i> |
| Execute Contracts for Grants | 6. Contract, under rules adopted by the Commissioner for a grant from a public or private organization and spend grant funds in accordance with the terms of the contract. <i>Education Code 8.125</i> |
| Approve Purchase, Lease, Disposal of Property | 7. Approve the purchase, lease, or lease-purchase of property [see (LEGAL) policies at CH and CHE]; incur debts for such purpose [see CHA(LEGAL)]; and approve disposal of property [see CI(LEGAL)]. <i>Education Code 8.055</i> |