

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:

1. Develop policies to ensure the sound management and operation of the ESC. *Education Code 8.002, 8.003(e)*
2. Adopt policies concerning board election filing procedures. [See BBB(LEGAL)] *19 TAC 53.1001(b)(3)*
3. Approve programs and activities offered to school districts and campuses. *Education Code 8.003(e)*
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)] *Education Code 8.003(f)*
5. Employ an executive director. The selection and dismissal of the executive director is subject to the approval of the Commissioner. *Education Code 8.004*
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. *Education Code 8.125*
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)]. *Education Code 8.055*