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Chapter 1. Educational Service Centers

IC 20-20-1-1

"Board"

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "board" refers to the local governing board of an educational service center.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-1-2

"Educational service center"

Sec. 2. (a) As used in this chapter, "educational service center" means an extended agency of school corporations that:

- (1) operates under rules established by the state board;
- (2) is the administrative and operational unit that serves a definitive geographical boundary, which, to the extent possible, must be aligned with the boundary of a regional works council's region established under IC 20-19-6; and
- (3) allows school corporations to voluntarily cooperate and share programs and services that the school corporations cannot individually provide but collectively may implement.

(b) Programs and services collectively implemented through an educational service center may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Curriculum development.
- (2) Pupil personnel and special education services.
- (3) In-service education.
- (4) State-federal liaison services.
- (5) Instructional materials and multimedia services.
- (6) Career and technical education.
- (7) Purchasing and financial management.
- (8) Needs assessment.
- (9) Computer use.
- (10) Research and development.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Amended by P.L.234-2007, SEC.90; P.L.286-2013, SEC.16.

IC 20-20-1-3

Establishment and procedures for operation of educational service centers

Sec. 3. The state board may provide for the establishment of and procedures for the operation of educational service centers.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-1-4

Comprehensive plan for implementation of chapter; adoption

Sec. 4. (a) The state board shall do the following:

- (1) Adopt a comprehensive plan to implement this chapter.
- (2) Determine the areas in Indiana that will be served by an educational service center.

(b) In determining the geographic area to be served by an educational service center, the state board shall consider the following:

- (1) Physical factors.
- (2) Socio-economic factors.
- (3) Educational factors.
- (4) Existing cooperative efforts and agreements.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-1-5

Establishment of centers under state board rules

Sec. 5. An educational service center must be established under rules adopted by the state board to develop, provide, and make available to participating schools those services requested by the participating school corporations and approved by the state board.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-1-6

Location of centers

Sec. 6. Educational service centers shall be located throughout Indiana to allow each school corporation to have an opportunity to:

- (1) be served by; and
- (2) participate in;

an approved center on a voluntary basis by resolution of the governing body.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-1-7

Educational service center board

Sec. 7. An educational service center shall be governed in its local administration by a board selected by an assembly comprised of the superintendent or the superintendent's designee from each participating school corporation.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-1-8

Membership of board; vacancies; compensation

Sec. 8. (a) The state board shall adopt uniform rules to provide for the local selection, appointment, and continuity of membership for boards.

(b) Vacancies on a board shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the board.

(c) Members of a board serve without compensation.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-1-9

Executive director; personnel

Sec. 9. A board may employ the following:

- (1) An executive director for the educational service center.
- (2) Other personnel the board considers necessary to:
 - (A) carry out the functions of the educational service center; and
 - (B) do and perform all things the board considers proper for successful operation of the center.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-1-10

Repealed

(As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4. Repealed by P.L.233-2015, SEC.39.)

IC 20-20-1-11

Funds for establishment and operation of centers

Sec. 11. (a) Any funds, including donated funds and funds from federal or other local sources, shall be used to pay for the costs of establishing or operating an educational service center.

(b) An educational service center may administer programs and funds from any of the sources described in subsection (a). All activities funded from federal sources must follow all applicable federal guidelines, rules, and regulations.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-1-12

Federal matching funds

Sec. 12. This chapter does not prohibit an educational service center from receiving and using matching funds from federal sources in any amount for which the educational service center may be eligible.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.4.

IC 20-20-1-13

Inservice training; dyslexia

Sec. 13. If an education service center offers inservice training or other teacher training programs, the education service center may offer courses for teachers on dyslexia screening and appropriate interventions, including courses relating to a structured literacy approach that is systematic, explicit, multisensory, and phonetic.

As added by P.L.215-2015, SEC.2.