Texas SLO: ESC FAQ

What is the role of ESCs in supporting SLOs?

ESCs serve as regional partners who provide technical assistance, facilitate training, and support districts in exploring, adopting, or strengthening SLO systems. Their role is to extend the Hub's resources and ensure statewide consistency.

Next Step: Each ESC should identify a point person or team member responsible for SLO implementation so that communication and support are streamlined. Submit your identified SLO contact(s) to the Hub by the end of Q1 each year.

Can ESCs provide training to districts on SLOs?

Yes. ESC staff who have completed Hub-led SLO TOT are authorized to train and support their district partners. This ensures districts receive accurate and consistent guidance aligned with the Texas SLO model.

Next Step: ESCs should maintain a current list of staff who have completed Hub-led SLO TOT and submit their annual list of TOT participants to the Hub no later than August 15 to secure seats in training.

How do ESCs support SLO calibration?

ESCs can host calibration workshops for districts in their region, using Hub-developed exemplars, rubrics, and materials. All calibration protocols remain Hub-led, but ESCs play a key role in providing local access and support.

Next Step: Work with districts to schedule regional calibration sessions that align with the Hub's quarterly calendar and share planned session dates with the Hub to coordinate materials and support.

What training and certification requirements apply to ESC SLO raters?

ESC staff who serve as SLO raters must complete yearly SLO rater certification and participate in quarterly calibration to maintain scoring reliability. Participation in at least 2 calibration cycles per year is strongly recommended to stay aligned with statewide scoring expectations.

Next Step: Register ESC staff for annual rater certification by the Hub's deadline (usually prior to the start of Check-In 1) and ensure they are signed up for at least two calibration sessions per year. Track participation locally and notify the Hub when staff complete their certification to keep records current.

Are ESC staff required to complete SLO TOT?

Yes. ESC staff who provide SLO training to districts or who serve as TIA leads supporting districts with expansion, modification, or new applications must complete yearly SLO TOT training through the Hub.

Next Step: Identify ESC team members who will attend the next scheduled SLO TOT session and register by the priority deadline to secure a seat. Submit your final list of participants to the Hub for tracking.

Where can ESCs access resources to support SLO implementation?

All official SLO training modules, exemplars, calibration materials, and guidance are housed on TexasSLO.org. ESCs should rely on these Hub-developed resources to ensure alignment across the state.

Next Step: Bookmark TexasSLO.org and review SLO resource updates monthly to stay current on new materials and guidance.

How many districts in my region are using SLOs?

The Hub tracks SLO adoption statewide and can provide ESC-specific participation data. This helps ESCs target support for both early adopters and districts new to SLOs.

Next Step: Request your regional participation snapshot from the Hub at the start of each school year to inform your planning and outreach.