

# A History of Washington's ESDs

1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s
<p><b>1969</b> Washington Legislature passes the Intermediate School District Act of 1969, HB 479, requiring formation of a statewide system of intermediate school districts (ISDs) to replace the 39 county offices. State Board created 14 ISDs in an effort to provide more productive use of funds, increased educational leadership, and more services to local school districts.</p>	<p><b>1970</b> Major cooperatives for firms and teaching materials operated in the regional offices.</p> <p><b>1972</b> State Board of Education reduces the number of ISDs from 14 to 12.</p> <p><b>1975</b> House Bill 205 re-designates ISDs, changes name to Educational Service Districts (ESDs).</p> <p><b>1977</b> State Board of Education reduces the number of ESDs from 12 to nine. Legislation passes allowing ESD board members to be selected by local school board members rather than the public. Inservice Training Act of 1977 passes with far-reaching implications for ESDs in teacher preparation. ESD "core" services and informational roles and relationship with OSPI are further clarified.</p>	<p><b>1979</b> ESD cooperative purchasing programs authorized.</p> <p><b>1981</b> Legislature authorizes ESDs to provide direct student service programs (i.e. special education) to local districts.</p> <p><b>1982</b> Legislature grants ESDs authority to form cooperatives as self-insurance trusts.</p> <p><b>1984</b> Legislature changes ESD funding formula in light of Doran Decision (Basic Education) with state mandated formula.</p> <p><b>1985</b> Regional Committees on School District Organization reorganized under ESDs.</p>	<p><b>1990</b> ESD "Core Services" defined for biennial budget purposes.</p> <p><b>1991</b> ESD self-insurance pooling authority expands to liability/risk insurance cooperatives.</p> <p><b>1993</b> The "Powers Bill" passes the legislature allowing ESDs similar authority on local school districts to provide services not in conflict with state law as long as requested in writing by local districts.</p> <p><b>1995</b> LBC study of ESDs endorsed their value and support to local districts in providing needed services and saving money.</p>	<p><b>2004</b> ESDs sign an Interlocal Agreement to enable the nine ESDs in the State of Washington to work together.</p> <p><b>2006</b> Self Study of Washington State Educational Service Districts by Marisa Frenshold. Audit of Washington State ESDs.</p>	<p><b>2008</b> Educational Service Districts Extending State Support for Schools through a Regional Delivery System.</p> <p><b>2013</b> ESD Math and English Language Arts Coordinators funded by legislature and begin serving across the nine ESD regions.</p> <p><b>2014</b> AESD &amp; OSPI ED Network. Inauguration: shared commitment to improve statewide coordination.</p> <p><b>2015</b> Washington State ESDs sign an Interlocal Agreement to clarify the manner in which the nine ESDs in the State of Washington will work together as an ESD Network. ESD Science Coordinator begins serving across all nine ESD regions.</p> <p><b>2016</b> AESD Early Learning Coordinators begin serving across all nine ESD regions.</p> <p><b>2017</b> Legislature passes "MacCleary Solution" in response to the 2012 court order to fully fund basic education. ESDs help districts deal with the financial realities and unintended consequences of the legislature's actions.</p> <p><b>2019</b> ESDs celebrate 50 years of service together at Historic Skamania Lodge.</p>