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## Understanding Organization ID Numbers in AskTED

Most organizations in AskTED are identified using one of the following numbering schemes:

- a six-digit organization number, often referred to as a county-district number (CDN); or
- a nine-digit organization number, often referred to as a county-district-campus number (CDCN), constructed by adding a three-digit suffix to a six-digit CDN.

For example:

<b>227</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>013</b>
Travis County	Austin ISD	Bowie High School

A general numbering scheme applies to many, but not all, organizations with CDNs or CDCNs. Following are some of the most common examples.

<b>Digits 1-3</b>	<b>Description</b>
001-254	Texas county
260-269	Residential facility

<b>Digits 4-6</b>	<b>Description</b>
000	County district
001-099	Common school district
500-599	College/University district
800-899	Charter school district
900-949	Independent school district (ISD) or municipal school district (MSD)
950	Education service center (ESC)

<b>Digits 7-9</b>	<b>Description</b>
000-040	High school
041-100	Middle school
101-200	Elementary school

*Note: Over time, there have been many deviations from this numbering scheme.*

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## Understanding the Three ESC Regions in AskTED

There are three ESC (education service center) region variables for school districts in the public version of AskTED: ESC region served, ESC region PEIMS (Public Education Information Management System), and ESC region geographic. ESC region served is the ESC a district uses for general services. ESC region PEIMS is the ESC a district uses for PEIMS services. ESC region geographic is the region in which the district's primary administrative office is physically located.

It's important to note that ESC region is a district-level variable, not a school-level variable. In other words, a school cannot have ESC region values that differ from those of its parent district. Nevertheless, it's completely normal for larger charter organizations to have schools physically located in ESC regions that do not correspond to any of the district region assignments.

Initially, all three of a district's ESC regions are the same and are based on the geographic ESC region. At a later date, the district is free to contract with a different ESC for general services and perhaps a different ESC for PEIMS services. So, for example, a district physically located in Region 13 could choose to contract with Region 20 for general services and Region 3 for PEIMS services. A district's geographic ESC region cannot be changed. Depending on the context and purposes involved, different TEA products may show different ESC regions for the same district.

In AskTED, the download files "School and District File," "School and District File with Site Address," and "Archived School and District Data Files," present all three ESC region variables for each district, and the variables are labeled as described earlier: "ESC Region Served," "ESC Region PEIMS," and "ESC Region Geographic." In other AskTED reports, only the ESC region served variable is presented, and it is labeled simply "Region," "Region Number," or "ESC Region."

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