



ASCENDER GUIDES



ASCENDER ParentPortal - Release Notes

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Release 4.0.0.84



Welcome to ASCENDER ParentPortal!

New Features:


Responsive Design


Implemented responsive design so the page works as well on any mobile device as it does on a personal computer. As the screen size is reduced, the elements on the page are rearranged so that they stack vertically.

The link to the mobile app was removed from the Login page, because it is no longer necessary to have two versions of the product.

District



 Login

- District Message -

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The online process is a secure environment that assists your child's campuses tremendously:

New Student Enrollment

- New Students: If you are new to the district and wish to enroll a student, click Create Account.
- Returning Students: Log on and complete the Returning Student Enrollment process.

[Create Account](#)

██████: ISD Documents

Click View/Download Documents to view and download the following documents:

- Calendars
- Enrollment
- Extracurricular
- Handbooks

[View/Download Documents](#)

ASCENDER Accessibility Statement

We recognize the importance of providing an application that is accessible to the widest possible


Customization

Added tools allowing districts to add a custom image to the login page and customize the color scheme.

District Picture

No file chosen

Accepted file types: .png, .jpg, .jpeg, .jpe (up to 3 MB)




Color Customization


Enable Color Customization: On

<p>Background Color:</p> <div><input type="color" value="#414042"/></div> <p>#414042</p>	<p>Text Color:</p> <div><input type="color" value="#eaeaea"/></div> <p>#eaeaea</p>	<p>Accent Color:</p> <div><input type="color" value="#db813b"/></div> <p>#db813b</p>
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Parent Login Page

Redesigned and reorganized the page to improve the appearance and usability:


English ▼
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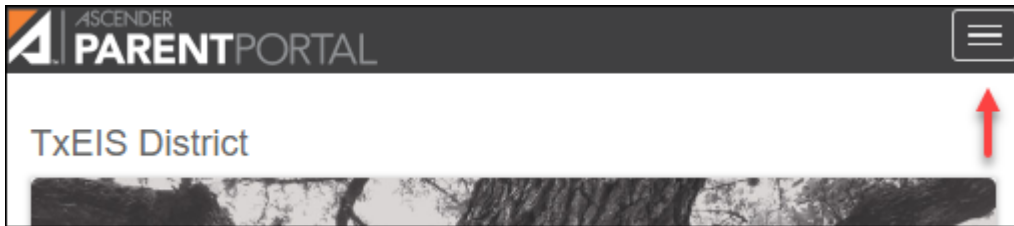
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- The **Create Account** buttons replaced the **New txConnect User** and **Have a new student** links.

- The ***District Name Documents*** section replaced the **Need Documents** link.
- The language selection option is at the top-right corner. Note that on a mobile device, you must tap the menu in the top-right corner to access the language selection field.



NOTE: On a mobile device you must tap **Login** to see the login fields and button.





Student and Page Navigation

Redesigned and reorganized the navigation throughout the application:

The screenshot displays the ASCENDER ParentPortal interface. On the left is a dark navigation drawer with a hamburger menu icon at the top. The drawer contains sections for 'Selected Student: Jonathan Agnew', 'DISTRICT' (Testing ISD), 'CAMPUS' (ASCENDER Elementary School), 'STUDENT:' (Add Student), 'My Students', and 'NAVIGATION:' (Summary, Attendance, Grades, Discipline, Immunizations, Alerts, Links). At the bottom of the drawer are icons for a user profile and a search function. The main content area shows a 'Summary' section with a 'Campus Message' field. Below this are three student cards: Nicholas Ryan Acevedo (ASCENDER High School), Jonathan Agnew (ASCENDER Elementary School, highlighted with an orange border), and Pablo Wayne Aguilar (ASCENDER Middle School). Each card shows 'Attendance Alerts: 0' and 'Grade Alerts: 0', a 100% progress bar, and a 'Registration' button. The bottom section is titled 'Class Schedule' and contains a table with columns for Period, Course, Instructor, Room, Last Updated, Current Average, and Today's Attendance.

Period	Course	Instructor	Room	Last Updated	Current Average	Today's Attendance
0	TARDIES	DONNELL, FLORES DIANA			non-graded class	
1	Reading 1st	DONNELL, FLORES DIANA		05/01/2019	N-	
2	Homeroom	DONNELL, FLORES DIANA			non-graded class	
3	English 1st	DONNELL, FLORES DIANA				
3	PE 1st	CARRILLO, BRADLEY CASSANDRA				
3	Music 1st	BARRAZA, BIANCA ANNA LISA				
3	STEM 1	MARTINEZ, SHAWN LINDA				
5	Science 1st	DONNELL, FLORES DIANA				
6	Soc St 1st	DONNELL, FLORES DIANA				
7	Math 1st	DONNELL, FLORES DIANA				

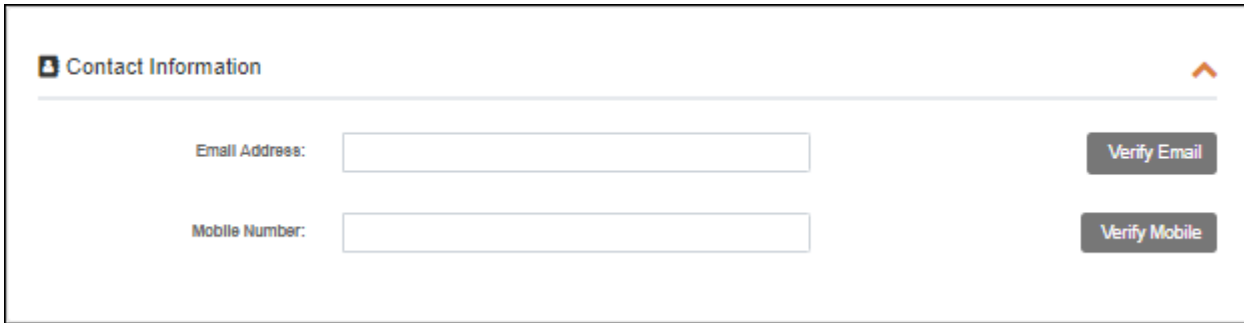
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- Menu items are now listed along the left side of the page in a navigation drawer rather than across the top.
- The left-side navigation drawer can be collapsed by clicking the three bars  at the top of the page. Click the bars again to re-display the navigation drawer. On a mobile device, tap the bars to view the navigation column.
- The My Account page and logout can be accessed from the drop-down menu in the top-right corner, as well as from the bottom of the left-side navigation bar  and .
- An alerts icon  is displayed at the top of the page. The number of alerts for the selected student is indicated as a number in a red circle.

- The selected student is displayed in the top-left corner and on all pages below the title.

Parent Account Registration

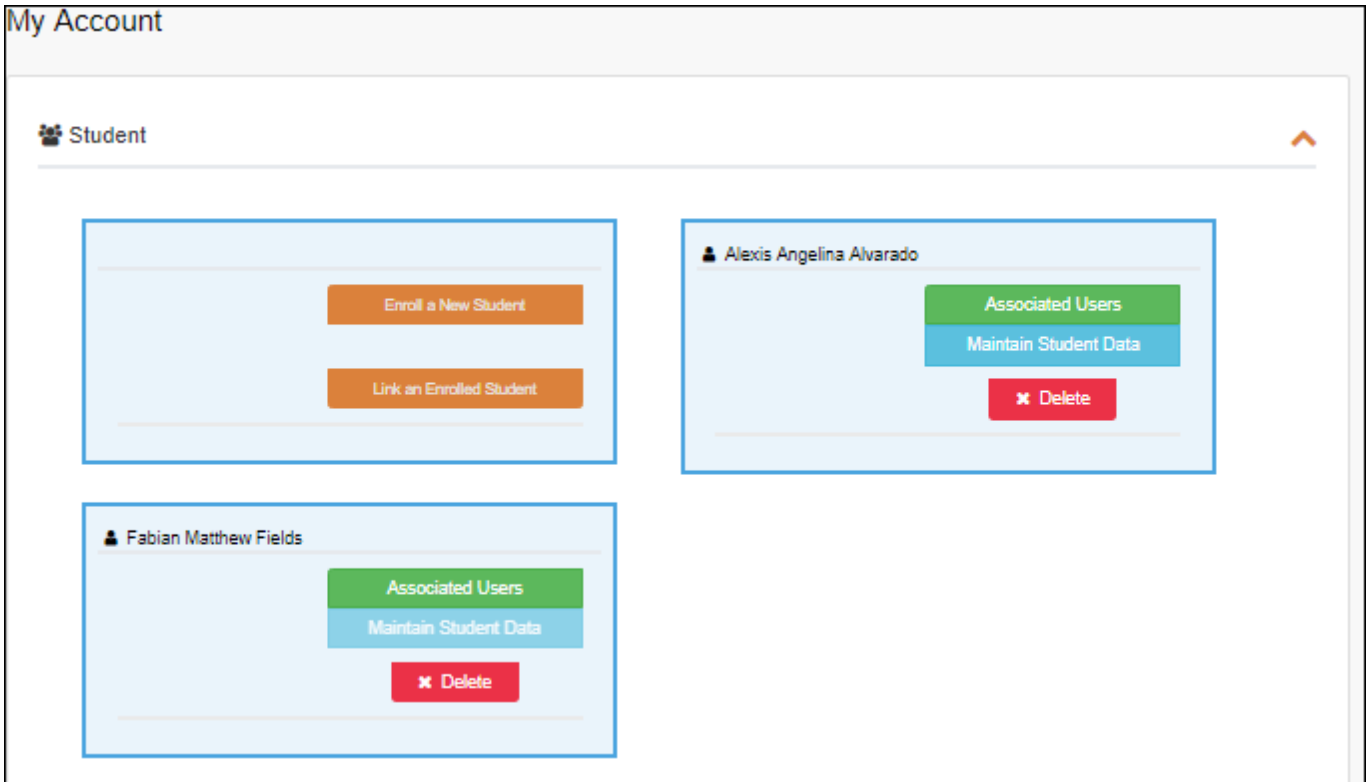
Simplified the process of verifying email address and mobile number so that there are fewer steps.



The screenshot shows a form titled "Contact Information" with a back arrow icon in the top right. It contains two input fields: "Email Address:" and "Mobile Number:". To the right of the "Email Address:" field is a "Verify Email" button, and to the right of the "Mobile Number:" field is a "Verify Mobile" button.

Parent My Account Page

Added student cards that simplify access to the pages where you can enroll a new student, link and already enrolled student, maintain current year student data, or view user accounts associated with a student.



The screenshot shows the "My Account" page with a "Student" section header and a back arrow icon. It displays three student cards. The first card on the left has two buttons: "Enroll a New Student" (orange) and "Link an Enrolled Student" (orange). The second card on the right is for "Alexis Angelina Alvarado" and has three buttons: "Associated Users" (green), "Maintain Student Data" (blue), and "Delete" (red with an 'x' icon). The third card at the bottom left is for "Fabian Matthew Fields" and has three buttons: "Associated Users" (green), "Maintain Student Data" (blue), and "Delete" (red with an 'x' icon).

Parent Summary Page

Added a student summary card for each student who has been added to your ParentPortal account. The card displays the number of unread alerts for your student (according to your alert settings). During the Returning Student Registration period, you can easily access pages for registering the student as well as see the student's progress toward completion of registration.

Summary

📧 Campus Message ▼


<div style="background-color: #2c3e50; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p>Nicholas Ryan Acevedo</p> <hr/> <p>ASCENDER High School</p> <p>Attendance Alerts: 0</p> <p>Grade Alerts: 0</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #2c3e50; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">100%</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #27ae60; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Registration</p> </div>	<div style="background-color: #2c3e50; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p>✓ Jonathan Agnew</p> <hr/> <p>ASCENDER Elementary School</p> <p>Attendance Alerts: 0</p> <p>Grade Alerts: 0</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #2c3e50; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">100%</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #27ae60; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Registration</p> </div>	<div style="background-color: #2c3e50; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p>Pablo Wayne Aguilar</p> <hr/> <p>ASCENDER Middle School</p> <p>Attendance Alerts: 0</p> <p>Grade Alerts: 0</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #2c3e50; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">100%</p> </div> <div style="background-color: #e74c3c; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-top: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Registration</p> </div>
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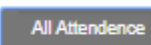
🕒 Class Schedule

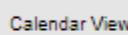
Parent Attendance Page

Added a color-coded legend and the ability to see all absences only or all attendance (including tardies).

Attendance

Semester: 1 

Attendance Summary 


Detailed View 
Calendar View
Totals View

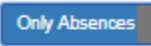
Legend

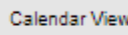
- U: Unexcused Absences**
- T: Tardies**
- E: Excused Absences**
- S: School Related**

Period	Course	Instructor
1	PE 6	LANGE, M KAREN
2	ELAR 6	TJERINA, ALEXANDER STEPHANIE
3	Theatre 6	POTE, DOLORES MONICA
4	Social Stud 6	WELLS, I VIRGINIA
5	Band 6	ARREDONDO, DAVID ANA
5	MATH 6	PETERSON, ANDRES MILDRED
6	Science 6	BEARDEN, LYNN ARACELIE
7	Band Beg B	MARTINEZ, HERRERA LLOYD
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Semester: 1 

Attendance Summary 

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Legend

- U: UNEXCUSED(U)**
- A: ABSENT(E)**
- T: TARDY(T)**
- C: COLLEGE/MILITARY(E)**
- B: SCHOOL RELATED(S)**
- S: SUSPENDED(U)**

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Admin District Settings

Added the ability to create customized security questions which are used to enable parents to reset a lost password.

Added the ability to add website links that are displayed to parents on the Links page. Previously, this was done using an external config file.

Site Resources

Security Questions

Enter questions that parents can use to reset a password. Provide an English and Spanish version of each question.

Question: Spanish - Add

Actions	Language	Question
✖	English	what is your fav color
✖	Spanish	color favorito
✖	English	color favorito
✖	English	color favorite
✖	English	color favorite

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Admin Custom Forms

Added the ability to create custom forms with district-defined questions. The forms can be utilized by parents during Returning Student Registration and Student Data Maintenance.

Admin Form Creator

Combined the previous Form Management and Form Editor pages into one Form Creator page, simplifying the process of creating static and dynamic forms.

The screenshot displays the 'Form Creator' interface within the ASCENDER PARENTPORTAL. The left-hand navigation menu includes 'Form Creator', which is circled in red. The main workspace is divided into three sections: a top bar with '+ Add Form', a middle section titled 'Active Forms' listing various static forms like '2018-2019 Drug Testing Program' and '2018-2019 Elementary Student Handbook', and a right-hand 'Edit Form' panel. The 'Edit Form' panel contains input fields for 'Form Name' (set to 'Contacts'), 'Campus', and 'Form Instructions', along with radio buttons for 'Visible' (Yes/No) and a checkbox for 'Archived'. Below this is an 'Add Fields' section with a 'Save' button and a table listing field details.

Field Name	Friendly Name
NAME_F(-)-SR_PARENT	Contact: First Name

Admin Form Group Management

Added new pages to the menu which simplify the process of setting up groups of forms for New Student Enrollment, Returning Student Registration, Student Data Maintenance, and Public Documents.

The screenshot shows the ASCENDER PARENTPORTAL interface. The left navigation menu is highlighted with a red circle, and the 'Returning Student Registration' option is selected. The main content area displays 'Available Forms' and 'Selected Forms'.

Available Forms

Static Forms
2018-2019 Drug Testing Program
2018-2019 Elementary Student Handbook
2018-2019 High School Student Handbook - Final

Selected Forms

Name	Instructions	Type	Act
Registration	Please take time to review information and update as needed.	Dynamic	<input type="checkbox"/>

Admin Site Statistics

Added site analytical data displayed in interactive graphs. Data can be downloaded in CSV format.

Site Statistics

Total Users: 938

Active Users

Download All



Count Details

- Inactive: 923
- Active: 15

15 Active Users since : 06/12/2019

Student Accounts

Download All



- With Accounts: 879
- Without Accounts: 66

Student Enrollment in Portal

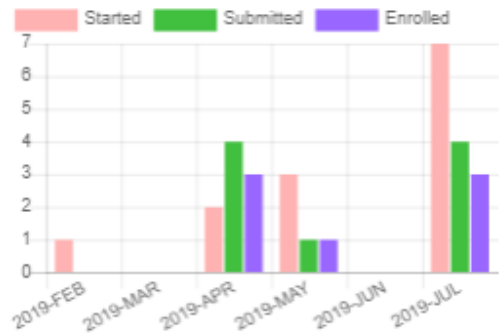
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- 101-ELEMENTARY :424
- 002-ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL :10
- 001-HIGH SCHOOL :230
- 041-

New Student Enrollment

Download All



Administrative Users

Administrative Users

Download All



Total Admins

Admin Alert Settings

Added a page that provides tools for managing the alert services and security settings. Previously, these settings were managed using an external config file.

ASCENDER PARENTPORTAL

NAVIGATION:

- Admin Settings ▼
- User Settings
- District Settings
- Campus Settings
- Alert Settings
- Site Statistics
- Form Management ▼
- Form Group Management ▼

Set Alerts

Start Time: End Time: Interval: Mins Save

Set Notifications

Start Time: End Time: Interval: Mins Save

ParentPortal Settings

ParentPortal Default URL:

Invalid Password Attempts:

Lockout (in minutes):

Timeout (in minutes):

Email Settings

Use Authenticated Email Server: Yes

Mail Server Host:

Mail Server Port:

Mail Server From:

Maximum Number of Emails:

Mail Server Login:

Mail Server Password: 👁

SMS Settings

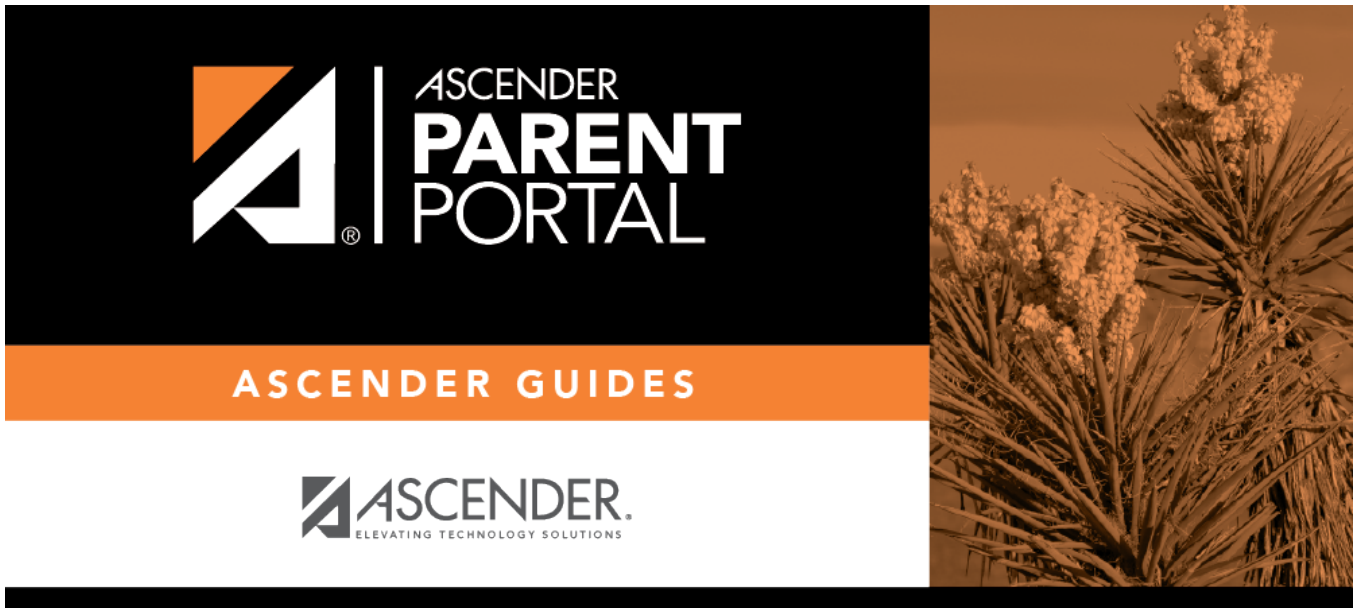
SMS Default URL:

Save

Email Authentica

Email Address:

Send



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