



ASCENDER GUIDES



## ASCENDER ParentPortal Release Notes



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# ASCENDER ParentPortal Release Notes

## ***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 -

Welcome to ParentPortal for ██████ ISD!

██████ ISD parents are expected to complete the returning student online registration process prior to the first day of school, August 16, 2018.

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

Choose File

No file chosen

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

Upload



### Color Customization

Enable Color Customization: ☒ On

Background Color:

#414042

Text Color:

#eaeaea

Accent Color:


#db813b


Check Accessibility

Save Theme

## Parent Login Page

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


English ?



### Login

User Name

[Login](#) or [Create Account](#)

[Recover User Name/Reset Password](#)

### - District Message -

Welcome to ParentPortal for **ISD**!

ISD parents are expected to complete the returning student online registration process prior to the first day of school, August 16, 2018.

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





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### ASCENDER Accessibility Statement

We recognize the importance of providing an application that is accessible to the widest possible audience, regardless of technology or ability. This application endeavors to conform to the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) [Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0](#) and we strive to adhere to the accepted guidelines and standards for accessibility and usability as comprehensively as possible. Should you experience any difficulty accessing this application please [contact us](#).

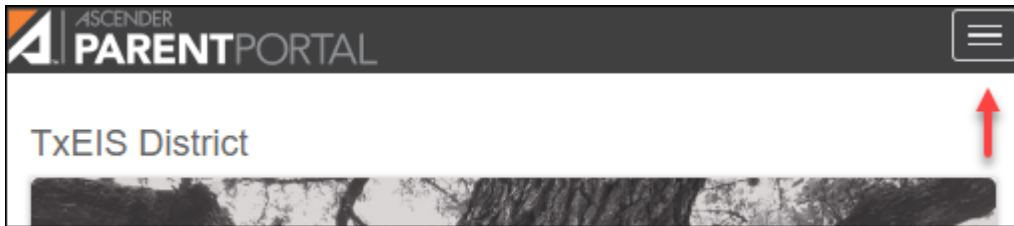
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- The **Create Account** buttons replaced the **New txConnect User** and **Have a new student** links.



- 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, a dark navigation drawer is open, listing menu items: Summary, Attendance, Grades, Discipline, Immunizations, Alerts, and Links. Red arrows point to the three-bar menu icon at the top left, the 'Selected Student: Jonathan Agnew' text, and the navigation drawer itself. At the top right, red arrows point to the notification bell icon (showing 0 alerts), a help icon, and a user profile icon. The main content area shows a 'Summary' section for Jonathan Agnew, including attendance and grade alerts (all 0), a 100% progress bar, and a 'Registration' button. Below this is a 'Class Schedule' table.


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.

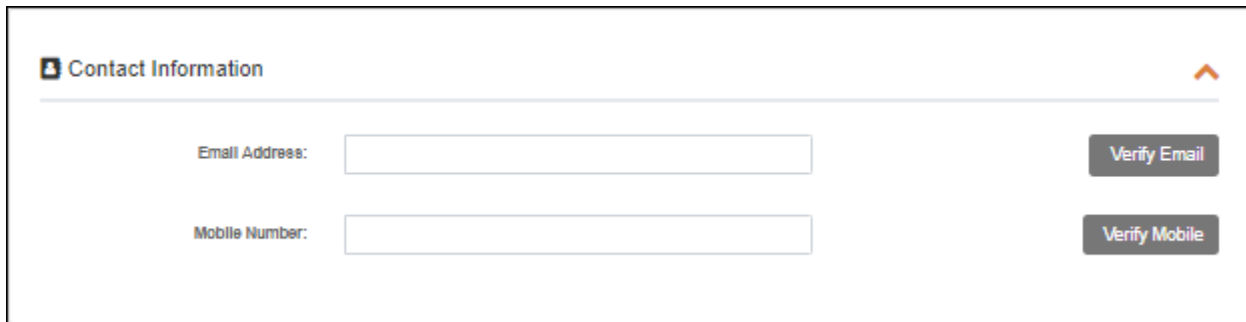
- The My Account page and logout can be accessed from the drop-down menu in the top-right corner, as well as from the bottom of the left-side navigation bar  and .

- 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

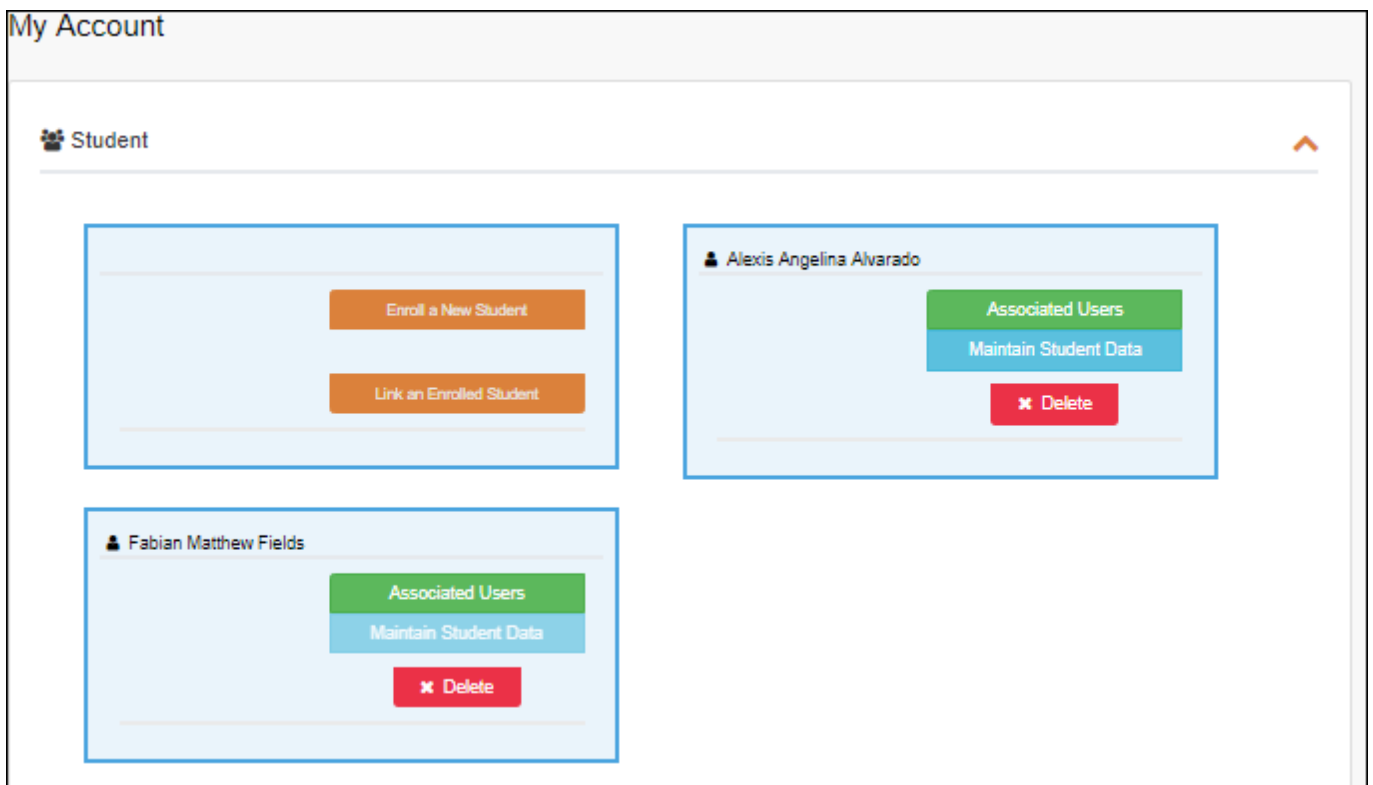
Simplified the process of verifying email address and mobile number so that there are fewer steps.



The form is titled "Contact Information" with a back arrow icon on the left and an up arrow icon on the right. It contains two input fields: "Email Address:" and "Mobile Number:". To the right of the "Email Address:" field is a "Verify Email" button. 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 page is titled "My Account" and features a "Student" section with a back arrow icon on the left and an up arrow icon on the right. Below this section are three student cards. The first card is for "Alexis Angelina Alvarado" and contains three buttons: "Enroll a New Student" (orange), "Link an Enrolled Student" (orange), and "Associated Users" (green). The second card is for "Fabian Matthew Fields" and contains three buttons: "Associated Users" (green), "Maintain Student Data" (blue), and "Delete" (red). The third card is for "Alexis Angelina Alvarado" and contains three buttons: "Associated Users" (green), "Maintain Student Data" (blue), and "Delete" (red).

## 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 

Nicholas Ryan Acevedo

ASCENDER High School

Attendance Alerts: 0

Grade Alerts: 0

100%

Registration

✓ Jonathan Agnew

ASCENDER Elementary School

Attendance Alerts: 0

Grade Alerts: 0

100%

Registration


Pablo Wayne Aguilar

ASCENDER Middle School

Attendance Alerts: 0

Grade Alerts: 0


Registration


 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 

**All Attendance**

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
7	MATH 6	PETERSON, ANDRES MILDRED

## Attendance

Semester: 1 

Attendance Summary 

**Only Absences**

Detailed View 

Calendar View

Totals View

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
<input type="button" value="x"/>	English	what is your fav color
<input type="button" value="x"/>	Spanish	color favorito
<input type="button" value="x"/>	English	color favorito
<input type="button" value="x"/>	English	color favorite
<input type="button" value="x"/>	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.

**ASCENDER PARENTPORTAL**

**NAVIGATION:**

- Admin Settings
- Form Management
  - Document Upload
  - Form Field Management
  - Form Creator
  - Custom Forms**
    - Create Custom Form
    - Edit Custom Form
    - View Custom Form Data
  - Form Usage
- Form Group Management

### Create Custom Form

Step One Step Two

#### Add Question

## PTA Survey

Please complete this form by the end of the first week of the school year.

Are you interested in joining the PTA?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

What date are you available to begin?

**Preview Form**

Previous Next Save

**Form Elements:**

- H Header
- Paragraph
- Date Field
- Number Field
- Multiple Choice
- Dropdown
- Text Field
- Text Area

## 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 ASCENDER PARENTPORTAL Admin Form Creator interface. On the left, the navigation menu includes 'Admin Settings', 'Form Management', 'Form Field Management', 'Form Creator' (highlighted with a red circle), 'Custom Forms', 'Form Usage', and 'Form Group Management'. The main content area is titled 'Form Creator' and features a '+ Add Form' button and a list of 'Active Forms'. The 'Static Forms' list includes items like '2018-2019 Drug Testing Program', '2018-2019 Elementary Student Handbook', '2018-2019 High School Student Handbook - Final', '2018-2019 Junior High Student Handbook', '2018-2019 Lunch Application Packet - English', '2018-2019 Lunch Application Packet - Spanish', and '2018-2019 ISD Academic Calendar'. The 'Edit Form' panel on the right shows details for the 'Contacts' form, including fields for 'Form Name', 'Campus', 'Form Instructions', 'Visible' (radio buttons for Yes/No), and 'Archived' (checkbox). A 'Copy F' button is also present. At the bottom, there are 'Save', 'Del.' (with a red X icon), and 'Add Fields' (with a '...Select' dropdown) buttons. A table at the bottom shows the 'Field Name' as 'NAME\_F(-)-SR\_PARENT' and the 'Friendly Name' as '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.

**ASCENDER PARENTPORTAL**

**NAVIGATION:**

- Admin Settings
- Form Management
- Form Group Management
- Returning Student Registration**
- New Student Enrollment
- Student Data Maintenance
- Public Documents
- Form Settings

**Returning Student Registration**

**Available Forms**

**Static Forms**

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

**Online Registration Information**

**Selected Forms**

Name	Instructions	Type	Action
Registration	Please take time to review information and update as needed.	Dynamic	<a href="#">Edit</a>

## 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

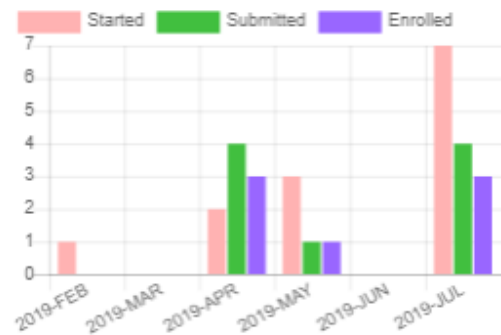
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- 101- ELEMENTARY :424
- 002- ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL :10
- 001- .E HIGH SCHOOL :230
- 041- .E

### New Student Enrollment

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## 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.

NAVIGATION:

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

### Set Alerts

Start Time: 8:00 End Time: 18:00 Interval: 15 Mins [Save](#)

### Set Notifications

Start Time: 8:00 End Time: 18:00 Interval: 15 Mins [Save](#)

### ParentPortal Settings

ParentPortal Default URL: [https://txeistcodev.bxeis.net/ParentPortal/](#)

Invalid Password Attempts: 4

Lockout (in minutes): 10

Timeout (in minutes): 50

### Email Settings

Use Authenticated Email Server: [Yes](#)

Mail Server Host: [toc20smtp.bxeis.net](#)

Mail Server Port: 25

Mail Server From: [parentportal@bxeis.net](#)

Maximum Number of Emails: 3

Mail Server Login: [testing123](#)

Mail Server Password: [\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*](#)

### SMS Settings

SMS Default URL: [https://tocservice.bxeis.net](#)

[Save](#)

### Email Authentication

Email Address:

[Send](#)



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