



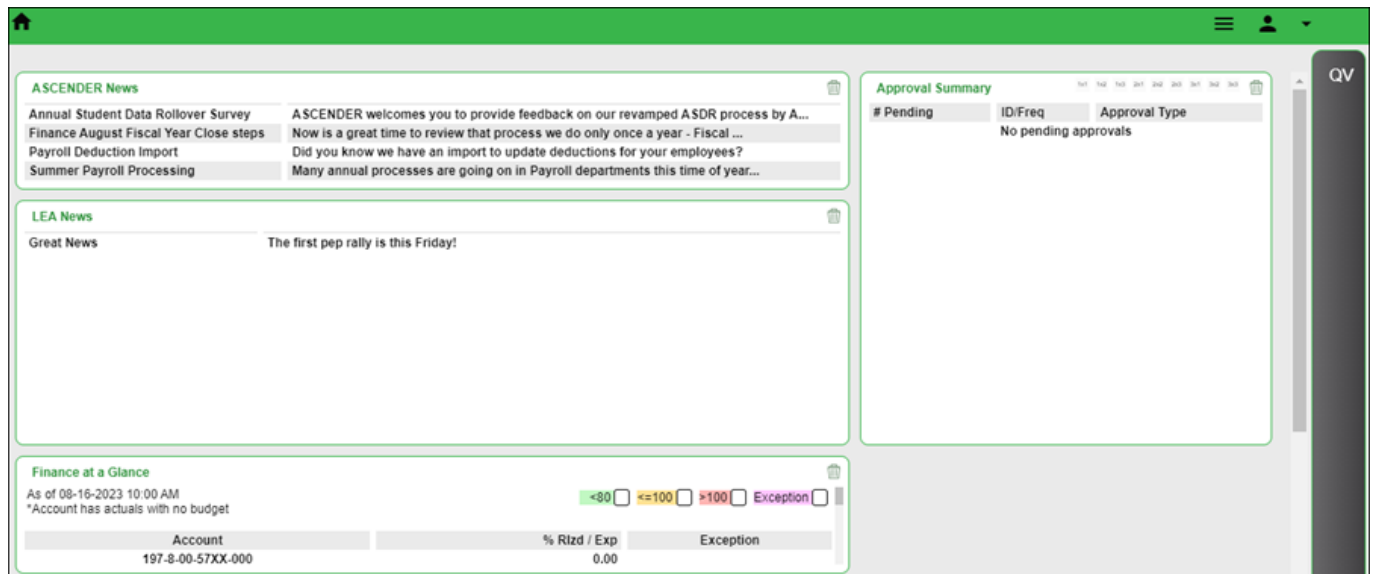
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Depending on your user profile, ASCENDER offers a Quick View dashboard that is used to display important information from multiple sources in one, easy-to-access place. Currently, the following dashboard elements are available for Business users:



- **ASCENDER News** - (All users) Displays important announcements or upcoming events. The ASCENDER News is managed by the Texas Computer Cooperative (TCC).
 - Each news entry displays a topic and a description. An ellipsis (...) is displayed at the end of the description indicating that additional details are associated with the entry.
 - You can click anywhere on the news entry to open the corresponding pop-up window, which displays the full contents of the news entry. Click **Close** or  to close the pop-up window.
 - If there are no news entries to display, a message is displayed prompting you to stay tuned for upcoming news.
- **LEA News** - (All users) Displays important announcements or upcoming events directly from the LEA. The LEA News is managed by the local education agency (LEA) in District Administration.
 - Each news entry displays a topic and a description. An ellipsis (...) is displayed at the end of the description indicating that additional details are associated with the entry.
 - You can click anywhere on the news entry to open the corresponding pop-up window, which displays the full contents of the news entry. Click **Close** or  to close the pop-up window.
 - If there are no news entries to display for the current date range or if you do not have permission to a menu item or breadcrumb associated with a record, the following message is displayed: "No news is good news".
- **Finance at a Glance** - (Business users with permission to Finance, Purchasing, or Warehouse) Displays a personalized summary of accounts based on the user's profile. This data is retrieved from the general ledger balances in Finance file ID C, is sorted by account code, and is updated on an hourly basis (at the top of the hour). In addition, the following filters are available to view selected accounts and are highlighted with a corresponding color:
 - >80 (green)
 - < =100 (yellow)
 - >100 (red)
 - Exception (purple)

- **Approval Summary** - (Business users) Displays a list of pending approval items based on the user's profile. If there are no approvals, a message is displayed indicating there are no pending approvals.

All ASCENDER users created in Security Administration are automatically granted permission to view all dashboard elements. However, the content within the dashboard element is driven by your user profile with the exception of ASCENDER News, which is available to all users. The LEA News may be limited to certain users based on the LEA's preferences when adding the news entry in District Administration.

Each dashboard element tile is enabled with the drag-and-drop feature along with row x column layout options to allow you to customize the layout of your dashboard elements. Your selected layout preferences are automatically saved upon logging out of the software.

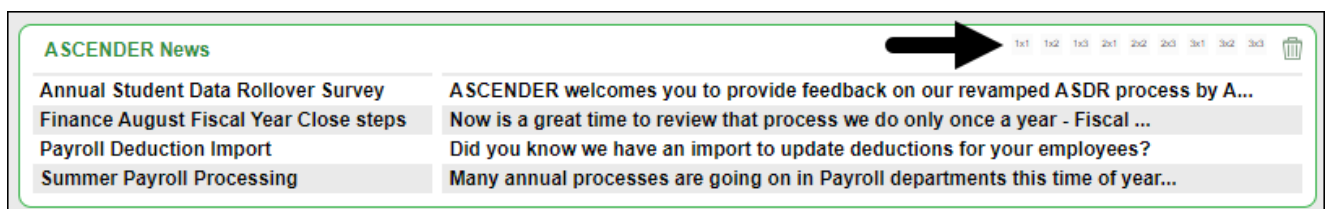
Drag-and-Drop Feature

Use the drag-and-drop feature to define the placement of the dashboard element tiles.

- Press and hold down the left mouse button on the desired element tile to “Grab” it.
- “Drag” the element tile to the desired location.
- “Drop” the element tile by releasing the mouse button.

Column x Row Layout Options

Use the following layout options located at the top of each dashboard element tile to adjust the size (column = width and row = height) of the element tile. To view these options, use your mouse to hover over the top-right corner of the element.



- 1x1 = 1 column x 1 row
- 1x2 = 1 column x 2 row
- 1x3 = 1 column x 3 row
- 2x1 = 2 column x 1 row
- 2x2 = 2 column x 2 row
- 2x3 = 2 column x 3 row
- 3x1 = 3 column x 1 row
- 3x2 = 3 column x 2 row
- 3x3 = 3 column x 3 row

Below is just one example of the many dashboard formats available using the drag-and-drop feature and the column x row layout options:

- **ASCENDER News** - 2×1
- **Approval Summary** - 1×1
- **LEA News** - 2×1
- **Finance at a Glance** - 2×1

The screenshot shows the main dashboard layout. On the left, there are three stacked widgets: 'ASCENDER News' with a list of tasks and a welcome message, 'LEA News' with a 'Great News' section, and 'Finance at a Glance' showing account data and a budget status. On the right, there is an 'Approval Summary' widget showing a table with columns for '# Pending', 'ID/Freq', and 'Approval Type'. The table currently shows 'No pending approvals'.

Delete an element:

If you do not want an element displayed on your dashboard, you have the ability to move it out of view to the **Quick View** or **QV** column, which is the gray column located along the right side of the page.

- On any dashboard element, click to remove the element tile from the main dashboard view. The element is moved to the **Quick View**.
- By default, the **QV** column is collapsed. Click at the top of the page to expand the column and view the contents. Click again to collapse the **QV** column.

Collapsed Quick View

This screenshot shows the dashboard with the 'Quick View' column collapsed. A black arrow points from the top right of the dashboard area to the 'QV' label on the right edge, indicating the collapsed state.

Expanded Quick View

Below is an example of the **Approval Summary** element tile being deleted from the main dashboard view and moved to the **Quick View**.

This screenshot shows the dashboard with the 'Quick View' column expanded. The 'Approval Summary' tile, which was previously on the main dashboard, has been moved to the 'Quick View' column. A black arrow points from the 'Approval Summary' tile in the main dashboard area to its new location in the 'Quick View' column.

Note: At any point, you can use the drag-and-drop feature to move elements from the **Quick View** back to the main dashboard view.

Approval Summary

All users are granted permission to the Approval Summary dashboard element, which provides a list of pending approval items based on the user's profile. If there are no approvals, a message is displayed indicating there are no pending approvals.

Click [here](#) for a complete list of approval types that are included in the Approval Summary (based on your user profile).

# Pending	Displays the number of pending approval items for the corresponding approval type.
ID/Freq	Displays the ID or pay frequency tied to the pending item, if applicable.
Approval Type	Displays a link to the page where you have pending approval items.



# Pending	ID/Freq	Approval Type
1	C/4	Payroll > Approve CIP Transaction

In this example, the user has a pending approval for a CIP transaction.

- ☐ Click the link. The selected application page opens in a separate browser window.
- ☐ Perform the necessary action to satisfy the pending item(s).
- ☐ Log out of ASCENDER and then log back in to refresh the homepage.

If there are no other pending approvals, a message is displayed indicating there are no pending approvals.