



ASCENDER GUIDES



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The purpose of this document is to guide you through closing an accounting period after all transactions for an accounting period have been completed.

This document assumes you are familiar with the basic features of the ASCENDER Business system and have reviewed the [ASCENDER Business Overview guide](#).



Some of the images and/or examples provided in this document are for informational purposes only and may not completely represent your LEA's process.

1. Prepare for end-of-month closing:

Prior to starting end-of-month closing, verify the following processes are complete:

- All entries for the month have been posted.
- All bank statements have been reconciled.
- All cash receipts have been posted.
- All POs have been posted.
- All district-written checks have been posted.
- All journal entries have been posted.
- Payroll interface is complete in both paying funds and payroll clearing fund (863X).

To avoid month-to-month balance discrepancies, **it is recommended** to confirm that all fund totals are zero on a monthly basis.

Log on to file ID C.

[Finance > Inquiry > General Ledger Inquiry](#)

Verify the bank account group fund fiscal year.

Run an inquiry to verify that **Fund Total (YTD)**, **Fund Total (Current)**, and **Fund Total (Next)** amounts are zero.

Note: If amounts are not zero, contact your regional ESC consultant for further assistance.

The screenshot shows the 'GENERAL LEDGER INQUIRY' screen. At the top, there are several checkboxes: 'Processed' (checked), 'Current Period: 08' (checked), 'Next Period: 08' (checked), 'Exclude Objects 61XX' (unchecked), and 'Include Inactive Accounts' (checked). Below these are buttons for 'Show Details' (unchecked) and 'Report will be Summary of:'.

The main area displays a table of account summary data. The columns are labeled: Fund, Func, Obj, Sobj, Org, Prog, and several masked account code components (XXX, XX, XXXX, XX, XXX, X, XX, X, XX). The table includes rows for 6XXX (Processed YTD, Current Period, Next Period), 7XXX (Processed YTD, Current Period, Next Period), and 8XXX (Processed YTD, Current Period, Next Period). At the bottom of the table, there are three summary rows: 'Fund Total (YTD): -0.00', 'Fund Total (Current): 0.00', and 'Fund Total (Next): 0.00'.

- Select **Include Inactive Accounts**. Selecting this option may prevent out-of-balance accounts.
- Unselect the **Show Details** checkbox.
- Leave all account code components masked (X).
- Click **Retrieve** to generate a summary for all accounts.

<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Finance > Tables > District Finance Options > Accounting Periods <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The current accounting period may be locked to keep other users from posting to the month about to be closed. Select Lock Current Accounting Period.• To select which users will be locked out, review User Profiles from the Tables menu.
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Review the following Finance reports to ensure accuracy of current accounting period data. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FIN1000 - Cash Receipts Journal• FIN1050 - Expenditure and Liquidation Journal• FIN1100 - Encumbrance Journal• FIN1150 - General Journal• FIN1200 - Capital Outlay Expenditure Report• FIN1250 - Check Register• FIN1300 - Check Payments List• FIN1400 - Detail General Ledger• FIN1600 - Batch Process Balance Error Listing• FIN1700 - Accounts Payable Listing• FIN3050 - Board Report• FIN3250 - Trial Balance
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Finance > Utilities > Export Finance Tables Export the database.
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Finance > Utilities > End of Month Closing Perform EOM closing.
<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Finance > Tables > District Finance Options > Accounting Periods Verify that the current accounting period is correct.