



# **ASCENDER Administration Release Notes**

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## ASCENDER Release 11

### ASCENDER 11.0300

**Release Date:**11/6/25 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0300

#### District Administration > Tables > District Information > Fall Finance TSDS Data

☐ Corrected the program to only display data from the year specified in the **Year** field. Previously, the page displayed prior year data.

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#### District Administration > Maintenance > Non-Employee

☐ Added the **TRA Years Experience** section with the following fields to align with TSDS Web-Enabled Data Standards:

- **TRA Teaching Experience** (YearsTRATeachingExperience (E3129)) - Indicates the number of verifiable years of teaching experience as a classroom teacher as described in TEC §48.158.
- **TRA Eligibility** (LEADeterminedTRAEligibility (E3130)) - Indicates the local education agency (LEA) has determined the teacher (StaffClassification is 087) is employed by a school system and teaches not less than an average of four hours each day, in an academic instructional setting or a career and technology educational setting.

**Maintenance > Non-Employee** **District Administration**

Save

**NON-EMPLOYEE** TSDS

Employee Nbr: 018952 Name: AARON, ABCDE Retrieve Directory

**Name**

Employee Nbr: 018952 Name: ABCDE AARON

Title First Middle Last Generation

Work E-mail

Job Code: 9999 - UNDEFINED

Highly Qualified: ☐

**Local Use**

1: INSERTED

2:

**TRA Years Experience**

TRA Teaching Experience: 0

TRA Eligibility: ☐

**Instructional Staff**

SSN: - - TX Unique Staff ID:

Sex: Sex Date of Birth: - -

TSDS Staff Type:

**Races**

Hispanic: ☐ American Indian: ☐ Asian: ☐ Black: ☐ Pacific Islander: ☐ White: ☐

Days Employed: 0 Begin Date: - -

Total Years: End Date: - -

District Years: Extract for TSDS: ☐

Percent of Day: 0% Prior Teaching Years: 0

Highest Degree:

☐ Modified the program so that when changes are made to the following key fields in a responsibility record, the original record is deleted and a new record is inserted to reflect the change. This will assist the with data management required for TSDS staging tables.

- **Campus**
- **Role ID**
- **Begin Date**

## TSDS Extract

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☐ Added the following fields to the 2026 Staff extract and view to align with TSDS Web-Enabled Data Standards:

- **TRA Teaching Experience** (YearsTRATeachingExperience (E3129)) - Indicates the number of verifiable years of teaching experience as a classroom teacher as described in TEC §48.158.
  - **TRA Eligibility** (LEADeterminedTRAEligibility (E3130)) - Indicates the local education agency (LEA) has determined the teacher (StaffClassification is 087) is employed by a school system and teaches not less than an average of four hours each day, in an academic instructional setting or a career and technology educational setting.
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## Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 11

[Update: 11.0211](#)

### ASCENDER 11.0211

**Release Date:**10/23/25 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0211

#### District Administration > Options > TSDS > Connection

☐ Modified the program to disable the **API URL**, **Key**, and **Secret** fields for Exchange clients when the migration flag is set to Y and the URL contains "Exchange". If a connection to the EODS cannot be established, the fields will remain disabled, and an error message will be displayed instructing users to contact the Exchange or their ESC for assistance.

[Update: 11.0210](#)

### ASCENDER 11.0210

**Release Date:**10/16/25 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0210

#### District Administration > Maintenance > Non-Employee > TSDS

☐ Added the **Staff Service** column to the **Responsibility** grid.

☐ Added validation to the **Monthly Minutes** field to default to 00000 if left blank.

☐ Added validation to the **# of Students** field to default to 0 if left blank.

Maintenance > Non-Employee District Administration

Save

NON-EMPLOYEE TSDS

Employee Nbr: 001280 Name: Retrieve Directory

TSDS Days Employed Set

Percent Day Employed	TSDS # Days Employed	Begin Date	End Date
100	187	10-13-2025	

First 1 / 1 Last

Responsibility

Delete	Details	Year	Campus	Staff Classification	Staff Service
		2026	001 - 001 School	002 - Art Therapist	SA000003
		2026	001 - 001 School	002 - Art Therapist	SA000004
		2026	999 - 999 School	000 - Other	

Add

School Year for PEIMS Codes: 2026

Job Code: Campus: 001 001 School Co-op/SSA LEA: Staff Classification: 002 - Art Therapist ESC/SSA: School District Employee

Staff Service: SA000003 - Instructional Educational Aide

SPED Student Age Range: Pop Served: 01 Regular Students

Monthly Minutes: 00000 # of Students: 0

Begin Date: End Date:

## TSDS Updates

☐ Modified the TSDS extract to allow multiple responsibility records to be extracted (as defined on the Responsibility tab). However, a known issue may cause -6 errors during extraction if records are submitted and then changes are made to the **Campus**, **Staff Classification**, and/or **Begin Date**.

## TEA Entity Change

☐ Added the *AdultPreviousAttendanceSet* Common Type to the *StudentEducationOrganizationAssociation* Entity. This will no longer be reported as a Student Characteristic.

## 2026.2.1 Updates

☐ Made changes to the following Extracts and APIs:

- StudentAcademicRecord.IBCBackgroundCheckCost
- LocalEducationAgency.LEAGrievanceLink
- StudentEducationOrganization.AdultPreviousAttendanceSet

- StudentEducationOrganizationAssociation.FullTimeHybridVirtualProgramParticipationSet

Update: 11.0202

## ASCENDER 11.0202

**Release Date:** 10/8/2025 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0202

### District Administration > Options > TSDS

☐ Previously, due to TEA's removal of certain Descriptor values and the Exchange requiring time to align with the new SDK, the following processes were temporarily disabled. Now that the Exchange has completed its updates and is ready to receive data again, the following processes have been re-enabled:

- Domains and Entities page (2025 and 2026 submission years)
- **Move to Exchange** and **Reset Exchange Credentials** buttons
- Nightly TSDS extracts and API submissions
- Weekend TSDS API submissions

Update: 11.0200

## ASCENDER 11.0200

**Release Date:** 10/2/25 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0200

### District Administration > Options > TSDS

☐ Due to TEA's removal of certain Descriptor values and the Exchange requiring time to align with the new SDK, the following are temporarily disabled:

- Domains and Entities page (all school years)
- **Move to Exchange** and **Retrieve Exchange Credentials** buttons
- Nightly TSDS extracts and API submissions
- Weekend TSDS API submissions

### District Administration > Reports > User Profile Report

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☐ Corrected the program error that occurred when running the report. Also, corrected the issue where the user directory appeared blank after clicking the ellipsis button. Additionally, a message is now displayed if no accounts are assigned to the user's profile for the selected applications.

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## TSDS Updates

### Parent Entity

☐ Corrected an issue that was preventing the entity from extracting correctly.

Update: [11.0110](#)

## ASCENDER 11.0110

**Release Date:** 9/18/25 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0110

### District Administration

☐ Disabled the automatic nightly TSDS Extract/Send process for prior school years effective the day after the fourth Thursday in August. To generate or send data for a prior school year, use the District Administration > Options > TSDS > Domains & Entities tab.

**Note:** Users with security access to District Administration > Options > TSDS will see a notification in ASCENDER News on the Homepage starting 30 days before the process ends.

Update: [11.0100](#)

## ASCENDER 11.0100

**Release Date:** 9/4/25 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0100

### District Administration > Options > TSDS > Options

☐ Removed email validation from the page, allowing users to choose whether or not to provide an

email address to receive TSDS reports via email.

**Note:** If no email address is provided under **Personnel/Payroll Extract Distribution List**, reports for employees with more than 365 days employed or with zero days employed will not be emailed. However, this information will now be included in the TSDS Extract Errors Report (**Extract Errors Reprint** button) on the TSDS Level 1 Errors page.

## District Administration > Options > TSDS > Connection

☐ Modified the page so the **Move to Exchange** button is visible and active for non-Exchange clients and the **Reset Exchange Credentials** button is visible and active for existing Exchange clients.

Submission Year:

OPTIONS CONNECTION DOMAINS & ENTITIES TSDS ED-FI KNOWLEDGE HUB

API URL:

Key:

Secret:

Submission Year:

OPTIONS CONNECTION DOMAINS & ENTITIES TSDS ED-FI KNOWLEDGE HUB

API URL:

Key:

Secret:

## District Administration > Options > TSDS > Domains & Entities



☐ Enabled the page for school years 2025 and 2026.

☐ Disabled the checkbox for **Student Academic Record Domain** (for 2026 only).

☐ Modified the page to move the **Prior Year Leaver Domain** and **Student Application Domain** to the **Second Level Submission** section effective school year 2026.

Submission Year:

**Second Level Submission**

☐ **Student Application Domain**

- StudentApplication (TX)

☐ **Student Identification and Demographic Domain**

- ☐ Student
- ☐ Parent
- ☐ StudentParentAssociation
- ☐ StudentEducationOrganizationAssociation

☐ **Enrollment Domain**

- StudentSchoolAssociation
- StudentEducationOrganizationResponsibilityAssociation

☐ **Staff Domain**

- Staff
- StaffEducationOrganizationAssignmentAssociation
- StaffEducationOrganizationEmploymentAssociation
- StaffSchoolAssociation

☐ **Prior Year Leaver Domain**

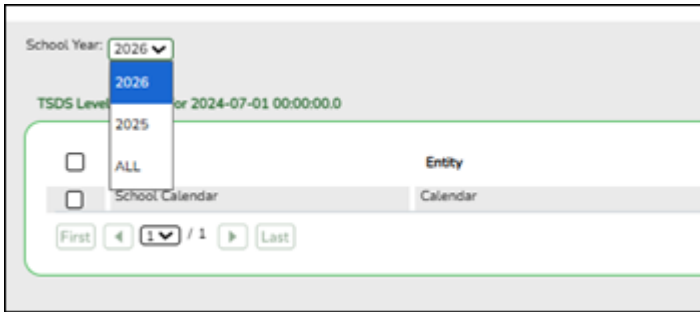
- PriorYearLeaver (TX)
- PriorYearLeaverParent
- PriorYearLeaverStudentParentAssociation

## District Administration > Maintenance > Non-Employee

☐ Modified the **TSDS Unique ID** button located on this page and the Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo page to use the long name fields. Also, modified the Unique ID export file on the Personnel > Utilities > Texas Unique Staff ID Interface > Staff ID Export page to use the long name fields.

## District Administration > Inquiry > TSDS Level 1 Errors

☐ Modified the **School Year** drop-down menu to show the latest available school year as the first option and *ALL* as the last option.

A screenshot of a software interface. At the top, there is a 'School Year' dropdown menu with '2026' selected. Below it, a 'TSDS Level' dropdown menu is open, showing '2025' and '2026' as options. The '2025' option is highlighted. To the right of the 'TSDS Level' dropdown, there is a timestamp '2024-07-01 00:00:00.0'. Below the dropdowns, there are two checkboxes: 'ALL' and 'School Calendar'. The 'ALL' checkbox is checked. Below these checkboxes, there is a 'First' button, a left arrow button, a dropdown menu showing '1', a right arrow button, and a 'Last' button. The entire interface is enclosed in a light gray border.

☐ Updated the TSDS Extract Errors Report (**Extract Errors Reprint** button) to include employees who are reported with more than 365 days employed or with zero days employed. This change is helpful for those users who have opted out of receiving TSDS emails by not providing an email address on the District Administration > Options > TSDS > Options tab.

## TSDS Updates

### NumberCharterStudentsEnrolled Extract

☐ Modified the extract to calculate *NumberCharterStudentsEnrolled* as of the last Friday in September.



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