



# **ASCENDER Administration Release Notes**

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## ASCENDER Release 11

## ASCENDER 11.0310

**Release Date:**11/21/25 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0310

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

☐ Updated the page to add an asterisk (\*) next to options that are *Data Beyond TSDS Domains/Entities*.

**NOTE:** Asterisks and footnotes will only display for Exchange clients only.

#### Second Level Submission

☐ **Student Identification and Demographic Domain**

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

☐ **Staff Domain**

- Staff
- StaffEducationOrganizationAssignmentAssociation
- StaffEducationOrganizationEmploymentAssociation
- StaffSchoolAssociation

☐ **Enrollment Domain**

- StudentSchoolAssociation
- StudentEducationOrganizationResponsibilityAssociation
- GraduationPlan\*

#### Third Level Submission

☐ **Finance Domain**

- PriorYearActualExt (TX)
- BudgetExt (TX)
- SharedServiceArrangementExt (TX)
- PayrollExt (TX)
- ContractedInstructionalStaffFTEExt (TX)

☐ **Prior Year Leaver Domain**

- PriorYearLeaver (TX)
- PriorYearLeaverParent
- PriorYearLeaverStudentParentAssociation

☐ **Alternative and Supplemental Services Domain**

- Program
- StudentCTEProgramAssociation
- StudentTitleIPartAProgramAssociation
- StudentSpecialEducationProgramAssociation
- StudentLanguageInstructionProgramAssociation

☐ **Student Application Domain**

- StudentApplication (TX)

☐ **Teaching and Learning Domain**

- ☐ Course
- ☐ CourseOffering
- ☐ Section
- ☐ StaffSectionAssociation
- ☐ StudentSectionAssociation

☐ **Student Grade Domain**

- Grade\*

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

☐ Modified the stored procedure for updating the employment status of a non-employee. The procedure should mirror Personnel > Maintenance > Employment Info.

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## District Administration > Reports

☐ Corrected reports to ensure appropriate data is displayed based on the LEA county-district numbers and user IDs.

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## TSDS Updates

### -6 Extract Errors

☐ Corrected the issue that caused -6 extract errors to occur due to data in the Ed-Fi delete log.

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## Staff Section Extract - NumberOfStudentsInClass

☐ Updated the extract to calculate the *NumberOfStudentsInClass* as of the snapshot date.

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## Economic Disadvantage Date Change Issue

☐ Corrected the issue that caused an invalid record to remain in the staging table when **Economic Disadvantage** dates are changed on Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Demo1.

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## PK Elig Previous Year

☐ Corrected the issue when the **PK Elig Prev Year** is unchecked on Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > PK Enroll, the *StudentCharacteristicDescriptor #11* is not deleted from the staging table.

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## Fatal: 20030-0049

- ☐ Corrected the issue that prevented the Budget extract from capturing changes made in ASCENDER.

## Fatals: 30060-0005 and 30060-0069

- ☐ Corrected the issue that prevented Payroll corrections from updating correctly in the staging table.

## TSDS Change Log 2026.1.1 Update: Shared Services Arrangement

TSDS Change Log 2026.1.1 added a new table/data element, PriorYearSSAOrgAssociationExt (C049A), to allow for the reporting of Prior Year SSA Type. This new table will be reported during the PEIMS Mid-Year (Actuals) Submission. The existing table/data element, SSAOrgAssociationExt (C049), will continue to be reported in the PEIMS Fall Submission. The following updates were made to support this change:

- ☐ Added new tab, District Administration > Tables > District Information > Prior Shared Services Arrangement, to report prior year SSA financial reporting during the PEIMS Mid-Year Submission.

The screenshot displays the 'District Administration' interface. At the top, there is a green header bar with a home icon, the breadcrumb 'Tables > District Information', a dropdown menu set to 'District Administration', and a help icon. Below the header, there is a 'Year:' input field and 'Retrieve' and 'Save' buttons. The main content area features a horizontal tab bar with the following tabs: 'DISTRICT NAME / ADDRESS', 'CAMPUS NAME / ADDRESS', 'PAYROLL FREQUENCIES', 'REPORTING CONTACT', 'SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS', 'FUND BALANCES', 'FALL FINANCE TSDS DATA', and 'PRIOR SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT'. The 'PRIOR SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT' tab is highlighted in yellow. Below the tabs, there are two data tables. The first table, titled 'Prior Shared Services Arrangements', has columns: 'Delete', 'Shared Services Type', 'Fiscal Agent District ID', and 'SSA Actuals'. It shows 'No Rows' and an 'Add' button at the bottom right. The second table, titled 'Shared Services Arrangement Member Amounts', has columns: 'Delete', 'Member District ID', 'Fund', 'Fiscal Year', and 'Amount'. It also shows 'No Rows'.

- ☐ Updated the existing District Administration > Tables > District Information > Shared Services Arrangement tab to only display Shared Services Arrangements as this is the only information reported during the PEIMS Fall Submission.

The screenshot shows the 'District Administration' interface. At the top, there's a green header with 'Tables > District Information' and 'District Administration'. Below the header, there's a 'Year:' field with a dropdown, and 'Retrieve' and 'Save' buttons. A navigation bar contains several tabs: 'DISTRICT NAME / ADDRESS', 'CAMPUS NAME / ADDRESS', 'PAYROLL FREQUENCIES', 'REPORTING CONTACT', 'SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT' (highlighted in yellow), 'FUND BALANCES', 'FALL FINANCE TSDS DATA', and 'PRIOR SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT'. The 'SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT' section is active, showing a table with columns: 'Delete', 'Shared Services Type', and 'Fiscal Agent District ID'. The table contains one row with a trash icon, '02', and '001-904'. Below the table is an 'Add' button.

☐ Added to the applicable TSDS extracts.

## Student Language Instruction Program Association

☐ Corrected the issue that caused the program to update the **Language Instruction Program Service** with the removed and now invalid Bilingual, ESL and Alternative Language Program Type Codes.

# Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 11

Update: 11.0300

## 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.

## 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: -- TSDS Staff Type:

Date of Birth: --

**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

☐ 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.

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: 001290 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: 000000

# 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

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## 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

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### District Administration > Reports > User Profile Report

☐ 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.

## 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.

This screenshot shows the 'TSDS Connection' page for non-Exchange clients. At the top, there is a 'Submission Year' dropdown set to '2026', and three buttons: 'Retrieve', 'Save', and 'Move to Exchange'. The 'Move to Exchange' button is highlighted with a red rectangle. Below the buttons is a tabbed interface with four tabs: 'OPTIONS', 'CONNECTION' (which is selected and underlined), 'DOMAINS & ENTITIES', and 'TSDS ED-FI KNOWLEDGE HUB'. Under the 'CONNECTION' tab, there is an 'API URL' field containing 'https://qaods.ascendertx.com/'. Below this, there are two input fields: 'Key' and 'Secret', both of which are currently empty.

This screenshot shows the 'TSDS Connection' page for existing Exchange clients. The layout is similar to the previous one, but the 'Reset Exchange Credentials' button is highlighted with a red rectangle instead of 'Move to Exchange'. The 'API URL' field contains a different value: 'https://1906-ASCENDERTestClient.preprod-2026.edfi.pre.txedexchange.net/preprod/'. The 'Key' and 'Secret' input fields are also present and currently empty.

## 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.

The screenshot shows a web interface for the 'Second Level Submission' section. At the top, there is a 'Submission Year' dropdown set to '2026', and four buttons: 'Retrieve', 'Save', 'Extract & Send', and 'Reset'. Below the header, the 'Second Level Submission' section contains several domains, each with a checkbox and a list of associated entities:

- ☐ **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.

The screenshot shows a web interface for the 'TSDS Level 1 Errors' section. At the top, there is a 'School Year' dropdown menu with '2026' selected. Below the dropdown, there is a 'TSDS Level 1 Errors for 2024-07-01 00:00:00.0' section. This section contains a table with two columns: 'Entity' and 'Calendar'. The table has a header row with 'Entity' and 'Calendar' and a data row with 'ALL' and 'School Calendar'. Below the table, there is a 'First' button, a dropdown menu with '1' selected, a '/ 1' indicator, and a 'Last' button.

☐ 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.

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## **TSDS Updates**

### **NumberCharterStudentsEnrolled Extract**

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



## **Back Cover**