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ASCENDER Administration Release Notes

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ASCENDER Release 11

ASCENDER 11.0700

Release Date: 3/5/26 ASCENDER Update: 11.0700

ASCENDER

Corrected the issue that caused District Administration reports and EFT files to cross-report LEA data.

TSDS Updates

Graduation Plan: Level 1 Errors 409 Conflict

Modified the Graduation Plan extract to include two prior school years for returning P-TECH students who have graduated (P-Tech students are able to return for two (2) additional school years after graduating to complete the P-Tech Program).

Staff School Association: 400 Bad Request

Modified the extract to correctly populate the program code in the staging table when an employee has a Responsibility Record of 087 or 047 and a Teacher Incentive Allotment code.

Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 11

[Update: 11.0615](#)

ASCENDER 11.0615

Release Date:2/26/26 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0615

District Administration

TSDS Updates

StudentSpecialEducationProgramAssociation Entity

Updated the program send the 6 digit LEA ID organization reference instead of the 9 digit school id reference.

Security Administration

Manage Users

Updated functionality on **New User** or **Edit User** so that when the cursor is positioned in the **Password** and **Confirm Password** fields, the **Use Suggested Password** drop-down is displayed and populated with a suggested password that meets the password requirements.

[Update: 11.0610](#)

ASCENDER 11.0610

Release Date:2/19/26 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0610

TSDS Updates

Special Warning: 30055-0001

Corrected the issue that prevented contracted instructional staff FTE information from being included in the TSDS extract. This information should be extracted even for Business-only LEAs with **Exclude from reporting to TEA** selected on the District Administration > Tables > District

Information > Campus Name/Address tab.

Trigger Issue

Modified the Parent Extract to correctly add new parent records when a new student is created with Primary Guardian Contacts but without a Unique Student ID and the Unique Student ID is added later.

Excess Hours Discrepancies

Corrected issues with **Excess Hours** discrepancies between the Special Education Attendance extract and **SAT0900 - Campus/District Summary Report** numbers.

Update: [11.0600](#)

ASCENDER 11.0600

Release Date: 2/5/26 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0600

TSDS Updates

SpecialEd Attendance Extract

Updated the *Special Education Program Reporting Period Attendance* extract to correctly send Delete records when instructional setting changes to mainstream.

TSDS Nightly Chron Job

Modified the TSDS Days Employed set to correctly update if the number of days employed is changed after a non-employee has terminated. Also, updated Personnel to correctly update these changes for employees.

Update: [11.0500](#)

ASCENDER 11.0505

Release Date:1/18/26 ASCENDER Update: 11.0505

TSDS Updates

AsOfStatusLastFridayOctober

Modified the procedure that calculates *AsOfStatusLastFridayOctober* to correctly calculate Student Code B and D.

Staff Classification table

Added the Teacher Resident (088) role ID for PEIMS Fall.

Staff Section Extract

Modified Staff Section Extract to correctly write the minutes where applicable when there is not a teacher of record reported to PEIMS, but a long-term sub is reported instead.

Update: 11.0500

ASCENDER 11.0500

Release Date:1/8/26 ASCENDER Update: 11.0500

TSDS Updates

StudentEducationOrganizationAssociation Entity Update

Updated the program to add the *FullTimeHybridVirtualProgramParticipationSet* Common Type to the StudentEducationOrganizationAssociation Entity.

The *FullTimeHybridVirtualProgramParticipationSet* Common Type includes the set of data elements to indicate the type (hybrid or virtual) of program participation for a student under TEC §30B.001(2) and (4).

FullTimeHybridVirtualProgramParticipation (E3134) indicates the type (hybrid or virtual) of program participation for a student.

Fall PEIMS - Student Special Education Program Association

Corrected the issue that caused the *Student Special Education Program Association* extract logic to trigger fatal errors 41163-0109 and 41163-0110.

Staff School Association Extract

Corrected a data issue in the Ed-Fi staging table that caused errors in the Ed-Fi Batch Error log when an employee had multiple responsibility records in Staff Demo.

Update: [11.0410](#)

ASCENDER 11.0410

Release Date:12/18/25 ASCENDER Update: 11.0410

TSDS Updates

Changed PK Aide to Teacher

Modified the *Staff Section Association* to correctly extract a staff member who changed a class role during the semester (example: PK Aide to Teacher of Record).

Prior Year Leaver Level 1 Errors

Modified the Prior Year Leaver extract to correctly handle non-numeric grade levels.

Update: 11.0405

ASCENDER 11.0405

Release Date:12/12/25 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0405

District Admin > Inquiry > TSDS Level 1 Errors

EXCHANGE-ONLY ENTITIES

- Updated the program to add an indicator for Exchange Only entities on the *Level 1 Errors Domains/Entities Screen Error List*.
- Updated the reports to add an indicator on each report error to indicate Exchange Only entities.

TSDS Updates

BIL/ESL Program Reporting Period Attendance

- Updated the program to extract Bil/ESL Attendance from new tables for sy 2026 and beyond.

PriorYearLeaver Language

- Modified the descriptor language on *PriorYearLeaverLanguage* in order to prevent some user's from receiving a Level 1 Error.

Level 1 Errors

- Corrected an issue with the extract so it will not create sessions for summer school when there were no students enrolled.
- Corrected an issue that caused errors related to duplicate records for non-employees.

Student Academic Record Extract

Modified the Student Academic Record extract so it will not trigger a Special Warning 40110-0226 for users when IBC records are extracted.

Graduation Plan Changes: Exchange Clients Only

Modified the Graduation Plan extract to prevent errors when invalid course Service IDs are extracted.

Staff Section Extract Update

Modified the program so the Staff Section Extract will report a zero value for Assistant Teachers.

Special Ed Extract

Corrected the issue with the extract that caused student records to only extract the re-enrolled record when they are enrolled in a special ed program.

Update: [11.0400](#)

ASCENDER 11.0400

Release Date:12/04/25 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0400

District Administration > Maintenance > Non-Employee

Corrected the program to properly handle end date updates to the **TSDS Days Employed Set** during the scheduled 6pm Employment Days processing when the option to **Extract for TSDS** is selected for terminated employees or non-employees with ended contracts:

- If the record being updated has no changes to the **Percent Day Employed** or **TSDS # Days Employed**, only the **End Date** will be updated will be with the computer date. A new record

will not be inserted.

- If changes are made to the **Percent Day Employed** or **TSDS # Days Employed**, the **End Date** on the original record is updated, a new record is inserted (begin/end dates are computer dates), and the new **Percent Day Employed** and **TSDS # Days Employed** is populated. (difference from before end date is now also populated because termed emp).

Note: These changes are also effective for the Personnel > Maintenance > Employment Info tab.

District Administration > Inquiry > TSDS Level 1 Errors

- EXCHANGE CLIENTS ONLY:** Added the *Student Grade* domain to the TSDS Level 1 Errors Report.
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TSDS Updates

Staff Extract

- Corrected the issue that caused orphan Paraprofessional Certification and TIA Allotment records. Also, corrected -6 errors and duplicate staff record issues in the staging table that prevented staff records from being extracted and caused "Staff not found" errors for staff members with multiple Paraprofessional Certification or TIA Allotment entries.
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Fatal: 30040-0057

- Corrected the issue that prevented the staging table from capturing PK Teacher Requirement changes made to the Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Credentials tab in ASCENDER.
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Update to the *AsOfStatusLastFridayOctober* code

- Modified the extract to correctly update the *AsOfStatusLastFridayOctober* code when a student is withdrawn.

Update: 11.0310

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

Enrollment Domain

- StudentSchoolAssociation
- StudentEducationOrganizationResponsibilityAssociation
- **GraduationPlan***

Staff Domain

- Staff
- StaffEducationOrganizationAssignmentAssociation
- StaffEducationOrganizationEmploymentAssociation
- StaffSchoolAssociation

Third Level Submission

Finance Domain

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

Alternative and Supplemental Services Domain

- Program
- StudentCTEProgramAssociation
- StudentTitlePartAProgramAssociation
- StudentSpecialEducationProgramAssociation
- StudentLanguageInstructionProgramAssociation

Prior Year Leaver Domain

- PriorYearLeaver (TX)
- PriorYearLeaverParent
- PriorYearLeaverStudentParentAssociation

Student Application Domain

- StudentApplication (TX)

Teaching and Learning Domain

- Course
- CourseOffering
- Section
- StaffSectionAssociation
- StudentSectionAssociation

Student Grade Domain

- **Grade***

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.

District Administration > Reports

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- 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.
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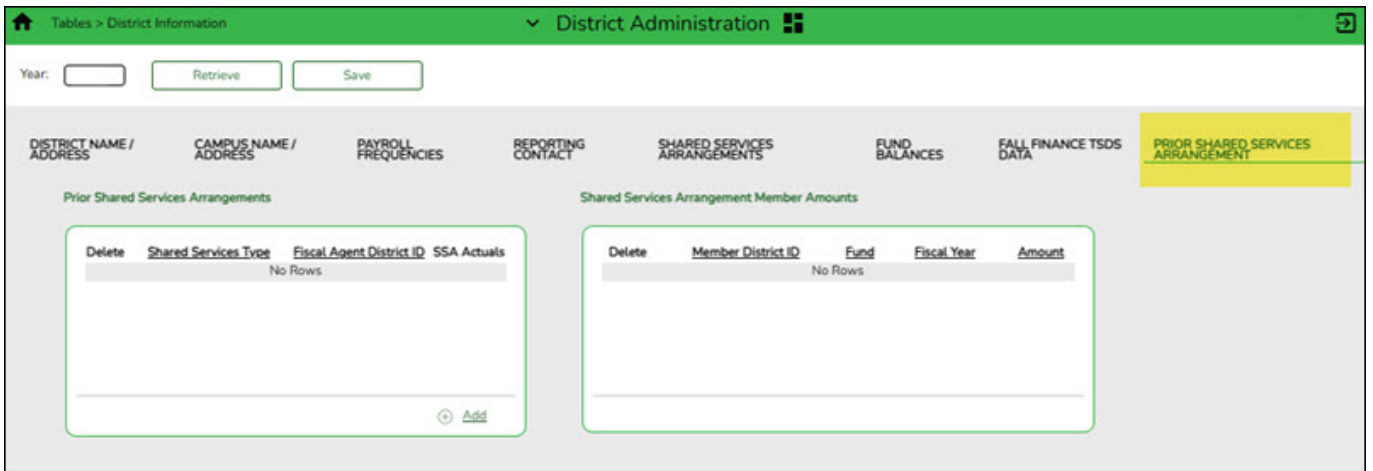
Fatals: 30060-0005 and 30060-0069

- Corrected the issue that prevented Payroll corrections from updating correctly in the staging table.
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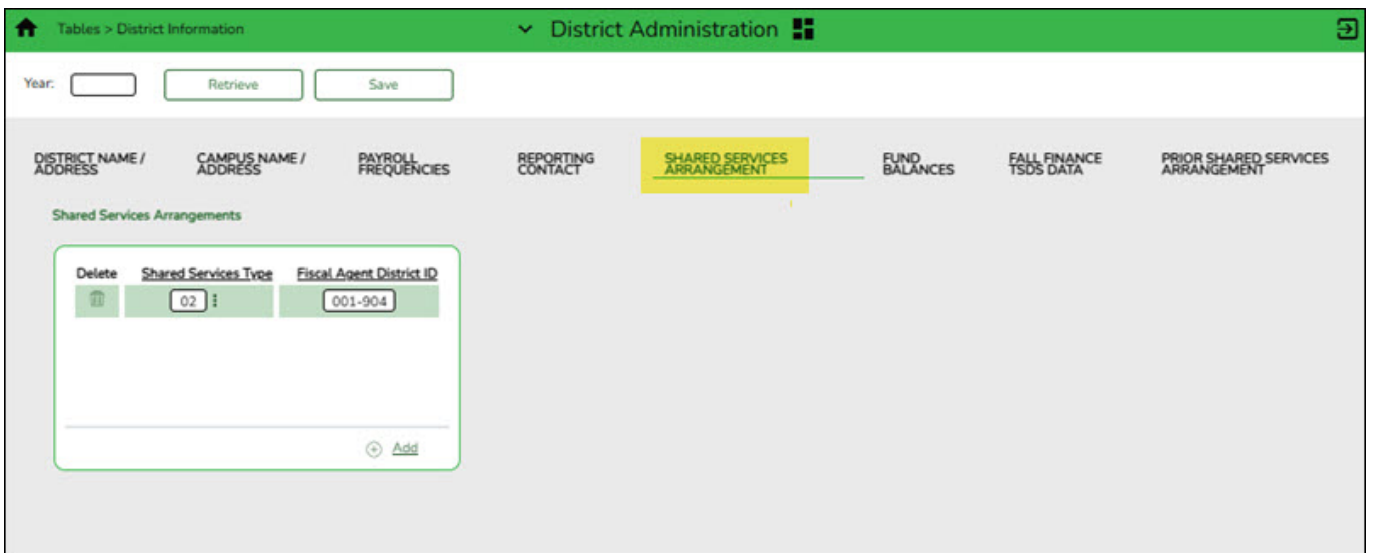
TSDS Change Log 2026.1.1 Update: Shared Services Arrangement

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.



- 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.



- 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.

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: Name:

Name

Employee Nbr: 018952 Name:

Title First Middle Last Generation

Work E-mail:

Job Code:

Highly Qualified:

Local Use

1:

2:

TRA Years Experience

TRA Teaching Experience:

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: Begin Date:

Total Years: End Date:

District Years: Extract for TSDS:

Percent of Day: Prior Teaching Years:

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 TSOS

Employee Nbr: 001280 Name: Retrieve Directory

TSOS Days Employed Set

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

First 1 / 1 Last

Responsibility

Delete	Details	Year	Campus	Staff Classification	Staff Service
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2026	001 - 001 School	002 - Art Therapist	SA000003
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2026	001 - 001 School	002 - Art Therapist	SA000004
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2026	999 - 999 School	000 - Other	

School Year for PEIMS Codes: 2026

Job Code: Staff Service: SA000003 - Instructional Educational Aide

Campus: 001 001 School SPED Student Age Range:

Co-op/SSA LEA: Pop Served: 01 Regular Students

Staff Classification: 002 - Art Therapist Monthly Minutes: 00000

ESC/SSA: School District Employee # 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

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

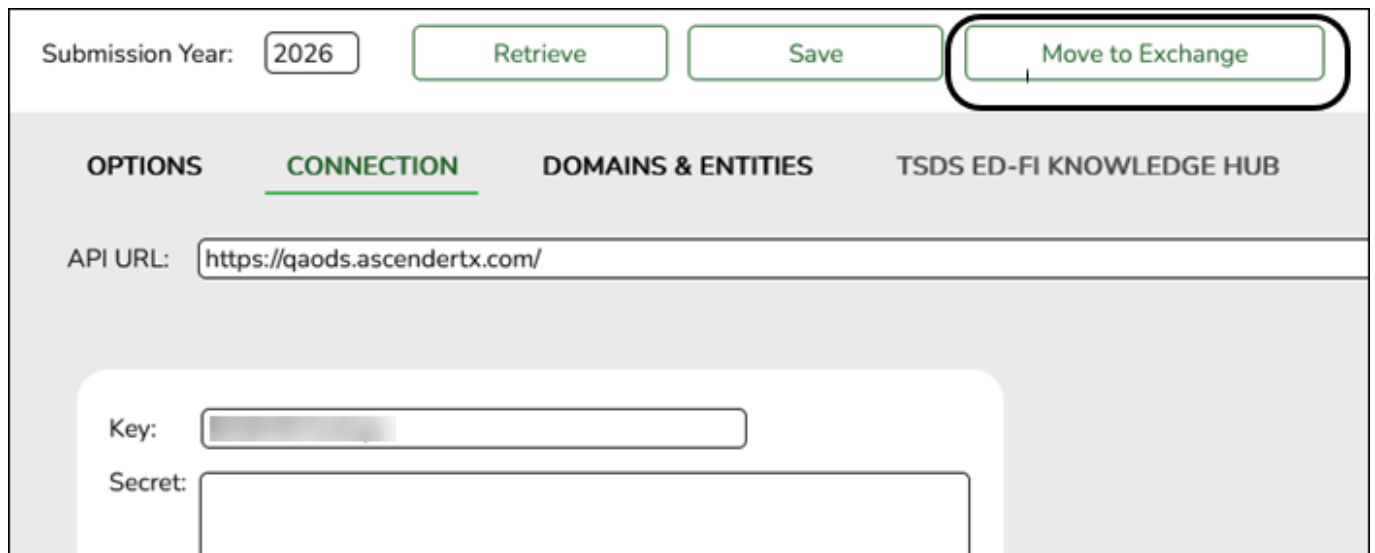
- Removed email validation from the page, allowing users to choose whether or not to provide an email address to receive TSDS reports via email.

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.



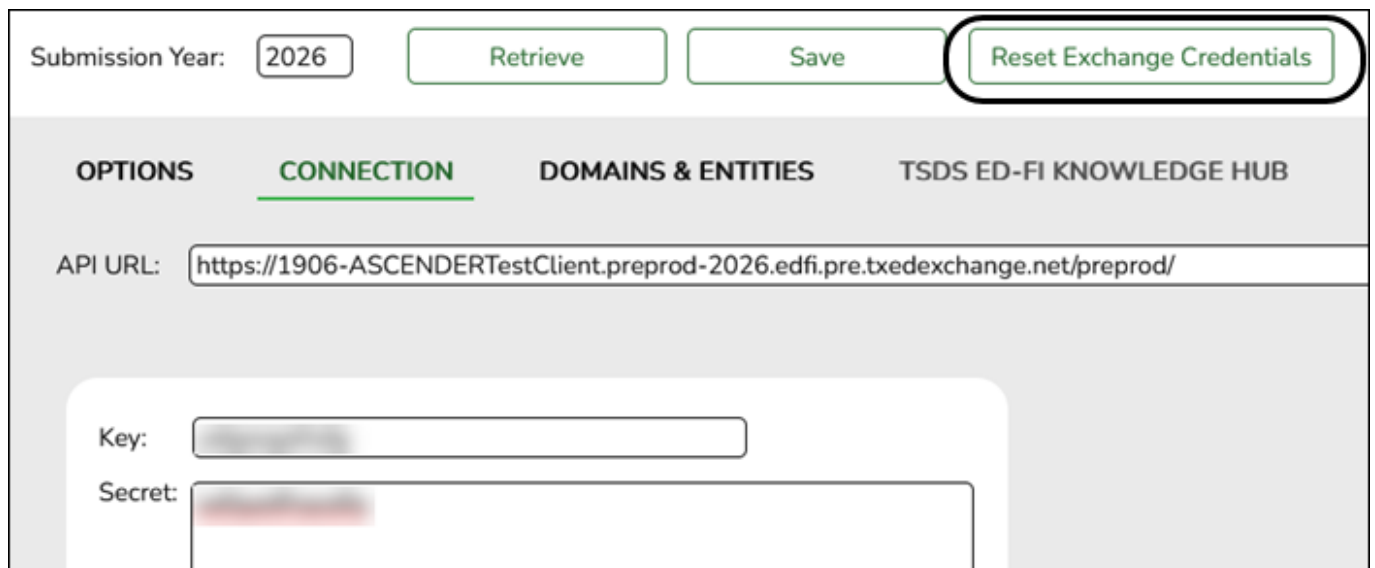
Submission Year:

OPTIONS CONNECTION DOMAINS & ENTITIES TSDS ED-FI KNOWLEDGE HUB

API URL:

Key:

Secret:



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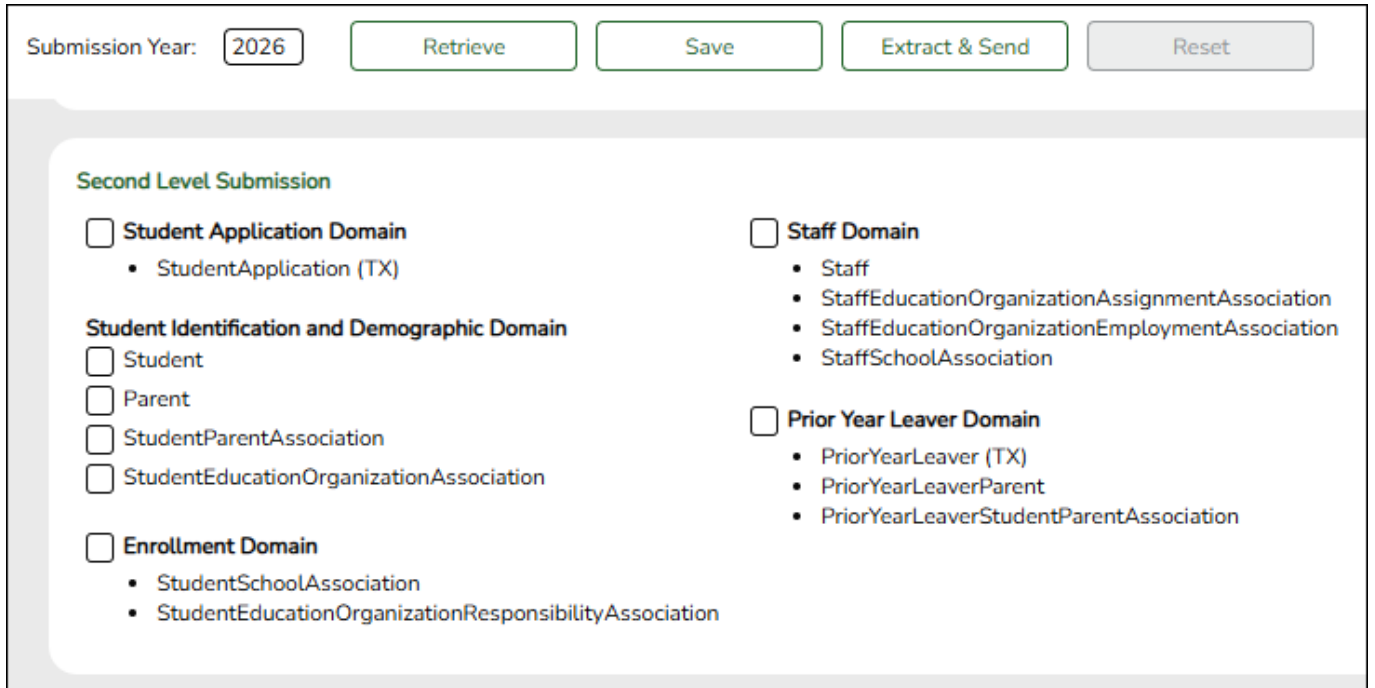
Secret:

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.

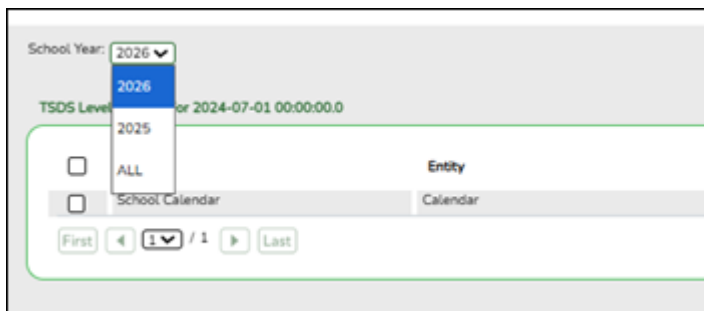


District Administration > Maintenance > Non-Employee

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.



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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