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Release Date: 6/9/23 **ASCENDER Update:** 7.1000



Removed the **Provide feedback** button from all application pages. The following statement will be posted in the ASCENDER News Section to explain: “The client feedback button was introduced when the TCC transitioned from TxEIS to ASCENDER. We have removed the button and welcome your feedback through your local ESC ASCENDER support team.”

District Administration > Maintenance > Non-Employee

- Updated the error message that is displayed when retrieving an active employee on this tab. The error message was changed from: “Employee Number exists in Human Resources and cannot be retrieved in this tab.” to “Employee Number exists in Personnel and cannot be retrieved in this tab.”

District Administration > Maintenance > User Profiles

- Corrected the **Lookup User** and **Add User** User Directory to function as intended.
 - Renamed the **Terminated** checkbox to **Not Employed**.
 - Added the **Employed** column to the user list.

User Directory

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District Administration > Options > TSDS > Options

Renamed the **API Errors Distribution List** group box to **TSDS Extract Error Distribution List**.

Options > TSDS

Submission Year:

OPTIONS **CONNECTION**

As-of-Date:

School Start Window (SSW) Date:

Finance Extract Distribution List: No Rows

Personnel/Payroll Extract Distribution List: No Rows

TSDS Extract Errors Distribution List: No Rows

Modified the program to include an error report in the TSDS Extract job that is scheduled to run Monday-Friday at 8:00 PM. This error report will be emailed to the designated recipients defined on this tab.

Date Run: Cnty Dist:		TSDS Extract Errors ISD		Page: 1 of 48
Error Code	Date Time	Procedure Name	Error Message	
0	2023-05-09 21:52:17.053	Extract begin.	TSDS Extract Batch Process begin.	
0	2023-05-09 21:52:18.8	EDFI Finance Budget Extract	Processing complete	
0	2023-05-09 21:52:23.113	EDFI Finance Actuals Extract	Processing complete	
0	2023-05-09 21:52:23.423	EDFI Payroll Extract	Processing complete	
0	2023-05-09 21:52:50.106	EDFI Course Extract	Duplicate Record Found: SVC_ID=80900XXX PE (EDFI_CRS_STG)	
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District Administration > Options > TSDS > Connection

- Restructured the page to only display the **API URL**, **Key**, and **Secret** fields.
 - Removed the **Student**, **HR**, and **Finance** sections and associated **Key** and **Secret** fields.
 - Renamed the **ODS Address** field to **API URL**.

The screenshot shows the 'Options > TSDS' page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a home icon, 'Options > TSDS', and 'District Administration'. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'Submission Year' dropdown, a 'Retrieve' button, and a 'Save' button. There are two tabs: 'OPTIONS' and 'CONNECTION', with 'CONNECTION' being the active tab. Under the 'CONNECTION' tab, there is a field labeled 'API URL' with a yellow background, and two empty text input fields labeled 'Key:' and 'Secret:'.

District Administration > Utilities > Annual Student Data Rollover

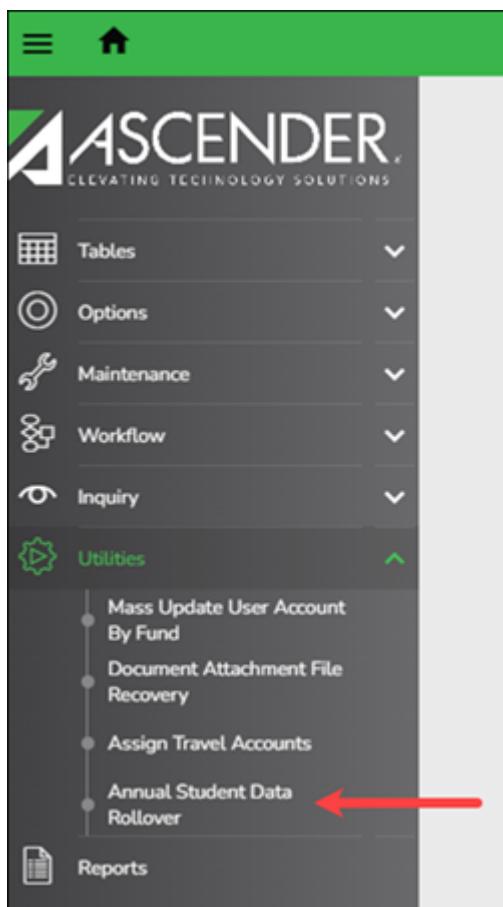
- Added a **Clear Categories** checkbox to the **Campus Options** group box.

When the option is checked, the program clears the categories from the courses for the new school year.

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<input type="button" value="Save"/> <input type="button" value="Execute"/> <input type="button" value="Process Status"/>															
District Options															
<input type="checkbox"/> Clear Bus Data <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Move Registration Student Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear NSLP Code <input type="checkbox"/> Clear Current Eligibility Code <p>Warning! If checked, clears Attribution Code and Campus ID of Residence for grade 01 to 12.</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Move Next Year Magnet to Current Year <input type="checkbox"/> Move Current Year At Risk Records to Next Year (Except for excluded indicators) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increment Student Grade Level (Not applicable for Status 5 students) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If Increment, Use Year End Status <input type="checkbox"/> Delete TeacherPortal Administrative Users <p>Withdraw Cutoff Date: <input type="text" value="--"/></p> <p>Drop Students for New Sch Yr at Highest Grade: <input type="text" value="Y : Drop students for New Sch Yr at highest grade"/></p> <p>Sort Order For Dropped Student List: <input type="text" value="G : Sort by campus, grade, and student name"/></p>															
Special Program Options															
<input type="checkbox"/> Title 1 Services: <input type="text" value="D : Drop for New Sch Yr"/> <input type="button" value="▼"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Bilingual / ESL: <input type="text" value="S : Special"/> <input type="button" value="▼"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy Services: <input type="text" value="D : Drop for New Sch Yr"/> <input type="button" value="▼"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Gifted / Talented: <input type="text" value="S : Special"/> <input type="button" value="▼"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education: <input type="text" value="S : Special"/> <input type="button" value="▼"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Drop Special Ed Record for New School Yr (if Special Ed Next Yr = N)															
Campus Options															
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District Administration > Utilities > Annual Student Data Rollover

Moved the Annual Student Data Rollover (ASDR) process and page from **Registration** to **District Administration > Utilities > Annual Student Data Rollover**.



Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 7

Update: 7.0700

ASCENDER 7.0700

Release Date: 3/03/23 **ASCENDER Update:** 7.0700

District Administration > Login

- Corrected the lockout timer to allow users to successfully log on to the system after being locked out, waiting the appropriate lockout period (in minutes), and then logging on with the correct credentials. Previously, the user remained locked out until manually unlocked by a security administrator.

District Administration > Options > TSDS > Options

Removed the **Finance Historical File ID for Reporting** section.

[Update: 7.0400](#)

ASCENDER 7.0400

Release Date: 12/14/22 **ASCENDER Update:** 7.0400

District Administration > Options > TSDS > Options

Renamed the **Finance Extension** section to **Finance Historical File ID for Reporting**.

[Update: 7.0100](#)

ASCENDER 7.0100

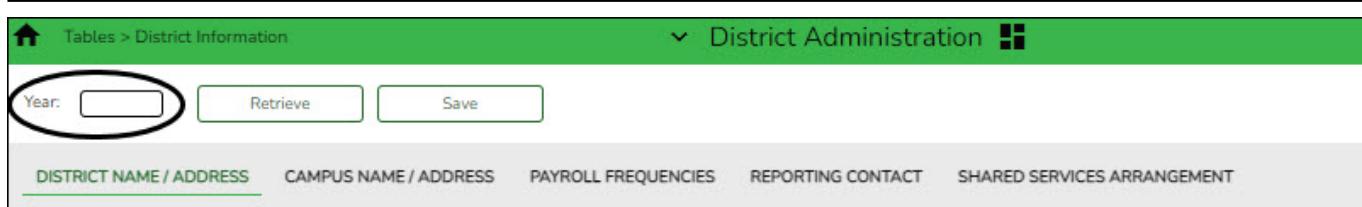
Release Date: 9/30/2022 **ASCENDER Update:** 7.0100

District Administration > Tables > District Information

Added the **Year** field to maintain records according to the school year on the following tabs:

- District Name/Address
- Campus Name/Address
- Shared Services Arrangement

Note: The **Year** field does not apply to the **Payroll Frequencies** and **Reporting Contact** tabs.



Tables > District Information

Year:

District Administration

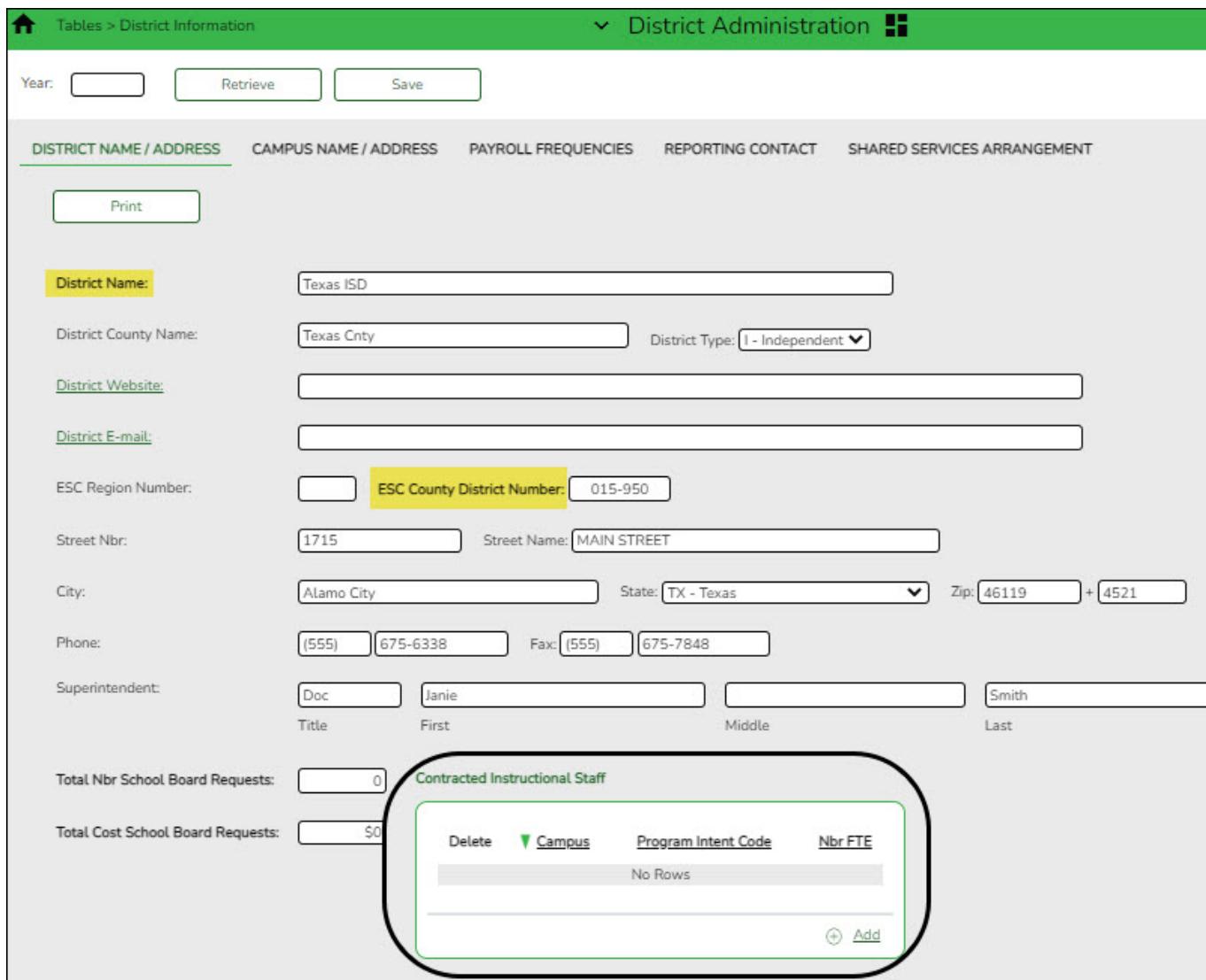
DISTRICT NAME / ADDRESS CAMPUS NAME / ADDRESS PAYROLL FREQUENCIES REPORTING CONTACT SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT

District Administration > Tables > District Information > District Name/Address

Added the **Contracted Instructional Staff** section, which includes the following columns:

- **Campus**
- **Program Intent Code**
- **Nbr FTE**

Bolded the **District Name** and **ESC County District Number** field labels to indicate that the fields are TSDS PEIMS Reporting elements.



Tables > District Information

Year: Retrieve Save

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DISTRICT NAME / ADDRESS CAMPUS NAME / ADDRESS PAYROLL FREQUENCIES REPORTING CONTACT SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT

Print

District Name:

District County Name: District Type:

District Website:

District E-mail:

ESC Region Number: ESC County District Number:

Street Nbr: Street Name:

City: State: Zip: +

Phone: Fax:

Superintendent:

Title: First: Middle: Last:

Total Nbr School Board Requests: **Contracted Instructional Staff**

Total Cost School Board Requests:

Contracted Instructional Staff

Delete	Campus	Program Intent Code	Nbr FTE
No Rows			

+ Add

District Administration > Tables > District Information > Shared Services Arrangement

Added this tab to identify the ESC/LEA fiscal agents and the ESC and/or LEA member(s) for each type of shared services arrangement (SSA) that exists among two or more ESCs and/or LEAs. This tab is used to maintain financial information (actuals) for shared service arrangements for state reporting purposes.

The screenshot shows the 'Shared Services Arrangement' tab selected in a green header bar. The main content area has two sections: 'Shared Services Arrangements' and 'Shared Services Arrangements Amounts'. Each section contains a table with columns and a green 'Add' button at the bottom.

Delete	Shared Services Type	Fiscal Agent District ID	SSA Actuals
No Rows			

[Add](#)

Delete	Fund	Fiscal Year	Amount
No Rows			

District Administration > Options > TSDS > Options

Added this tab to maintain various default options used for state reporting purposes.

Options > TSDS

Submission Year: Retrieve Save

OPTIONS **CONNECTION**

As-of-Date:

School Start Window (SSW) Date:

Finance Extension

File ID:

Year 2 for Short Fiscal Year:

File ID:

From Acct Period:

To Acct Period:

Finance Extract Distribution List:

Delete	Email
No Rows	

(+) Add

Personnel/Payroll Extract Distribution List:

Delete	Email
No Rows	

(+) Add

API Errors Distribution List:

Delete	Email
No Rows	

District Administration > Options > TSDS > Connection

Added this tab to maintain the appropriate credentials for accessing the Ed-Fi Operational Data Store (ODS), which is a secure platform used to store data from multiple systems in a central location.

District Administration > Maintenance > User Profiles > Permissions

Added the following fields under **Accounts Receivable** to set default account codes for a user, which will be used when creating invoices on the Accounts Receivable > Maintenance > Create/Modify Invoice page.

- **Offset Obj**
- **Offset Sobj**
- **Offset Org**

Note: If these fields are blank, then the **Offset Obj** and **Offset Sobj** fields default to the values in the **Accounts Receivable** field on the Finance > Tables > District Finance Options > Clearing Fund Maintenance tab and the **Offset Org** field is set to 000.

Maintenance > User Profiles

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Save

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Print

Accounts Receivable

Global Access

Offset Obj :: Offset Subj :: Offset Org

PERMISSIONS

PURCHASING PERMISSIONS

PURCHASING ADDRESSES

PURCHASING REQUESTORS

PURCHASING RESTRICT CAMPUS/DEPT

District Administration > Maintenance > Non-Employee

- Modified the program to retrieve the **TSDS Staff Type** drop-down values according to the max year in the TSDS staff type database table instead of the District HR Options table for both Business and Student databases. This allows the appropriate values to be populated in the **TSDS Staff Type** drop-down field for Student-only databases as they do not have access to the District HR Options table.



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