



# **ASCENDER Administration Release Notes**

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## ASCENDER Release 7

### ASCENDER 7.1000

**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.”

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#### 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.”

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#### 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 X

Last Name:  First Name:  Employee Number:  Employed: ☒ Retrieve   
 Not Employed: ☒

Employee Nbr	Last Name	First Name	Employed
000147	CANTU	CARMELA	No
000148	CANTU	CARMEN	Yes
000150	CANTU	CAROLINA	No
000151	CANTU	CAROLINE	No
000152	CANTU	CAROLYN	No
000154	CANTU	CASSANDRA	No
000155	CANTU	CASSANDRA	No
000156	CARLILE	CASSAUNDRA	No
000158	CARPENTER	CATHERINE	No
000159	CARPENTER	CATRINA	Yes
000160	CARPINTEYRO	CECELIA	No
000161	CARPINTEYRO	CECIL	No
000162	CARR	CECILIA	Yes

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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 District Administration

Submission Year:

**OPTIONS** **CONNECTION**

As-of-Date:

School Start Window (SSW) Date:

Finance Extract Distribution List:

Delete

No Rows

Personnel/Payroll Extract Distribution List:

Delete

No Rows

**TSDS Extract Errors Distribution List:**

Delete

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)	
0	2023-05-09 21:52:50.106	EDFI Course Extract	Duplicate Record Found: SVC_ID=80900XXX PE (EDFI_CRS_STG)	
0	2023-05-09 21:52:50.106	EDFI Course Extract	Duplicate Record Found: SVC_ID=80900XXX PE (EDFI_CRS_STG)	

## 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**.

## 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.

Save
Execute
Process Status

#### District Options

☐ Clear Bus Data  
☒ Move Registration Student Comments  
☒ Clear NSLP Code  
☐ Clear Current Eligibility Code  
 Warning! If checked, clears **Attribution Code** and **Campus ID of Residence** for grade 01 to 12.  
☐ Move Next Year Magnet to Current Year  
☐ Move Current Year At Risk Records to Next Year (Except for excluded indicators)  
☒ Increment Student Grade Level (Not applicable for **Status 5** students)  
☒ If Increment, Use Year End Status  
☐ Delete TeacherPortal Administrative Users  
 Withdraw Cutoff Date:   
 Drop Students for New Sch Yr at Highest Grade:   
 Sort Order For Dropped Student List:

#### Special Program Options

Title 1 Services:   
 Bilingual / ESL:   
 Pregnancy Services:   
 Gifted / Talented:   
 Special Education:   
☐ Drop Special Ed Record for New School Yr (if Special Ed Next Yr = N)

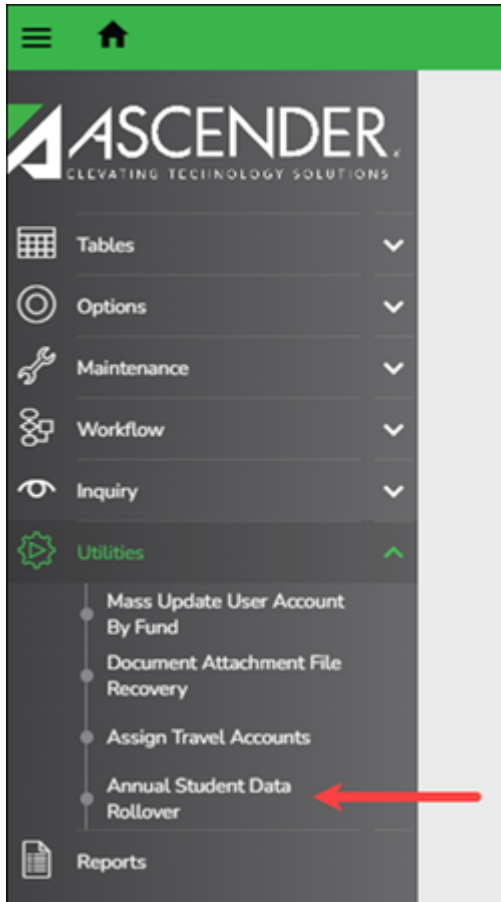
#### Campus Options

Delete	Campus From	Campus To	Campus Track	Set to Campus Track	Exclude Campus	First Day of School	Move Ctrl Nbrs	Drop Wd Stu New Sch Yr	Drop Status=1 New Sch Yr	Drop Unsched Stu New Sch Yr	Activate Withdrawn Sched Student	Clear Eco Disadvan	Clear Locker	Clear Categories
	001	004	00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	--	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="--"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	007	007	00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	--	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="--"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	010	011	00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	--	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="--"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	041	045	00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	--	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="--"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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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 District Administration

Year:

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 District Administration

Year:

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

**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:

Total Cost School Board Requests:

**Contracted Instructional Staff**

Delete	Campus	Program Intent Code	Nbr FTE
No Rows			



## 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 within the 'District Information' section. At the top, there is a green header bar with a home icon and the text 'Tables > District Information'. Below this, there is a 'Year:' input field followed by 'Retrieve' and 'Save' buttons. The main content area has a tabbed interface with five tabs: 'DISTRICT NAME / ADDRESS', 'CAMPUS NAME / ADDRESS', 'PAYROLL FREQUENCIES', 'REPORTING CONTACT', and 'SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT' (which is currently selected). Below the tabs, there are two main sections: 'Shared Services Arrangements' and 'Shared Services Arrangements Amounts'. Each section contains a table. The 'Shared Services Arrangements' table has columns: 'Delete', 'Shared Services Type', 'Fiscal Agent District ID', and 'SSA Actuals'. It currently shows 'No Rows' and has an 'Add' button at the bottom right. The 'Shared Services Arrangements Amounts' table has columns: 'Delete', 'Fund', 'Fiscal Year', and 'Amount'. It also shows 'No Rows' and has an 'Add' button at the bottom right.

## District Administration > Options > TSDS > Options

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

Options > TSDS
District Administration

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.

Options > TSDS
District Admin

Submission Year:
Retrieve
Save

OPTIONS
CONNECTION

ODS Address:

Student
Key:
Secret:

HR
Key:
Secret:

Finance
Key:
Secret:

## 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
District Administration

Save

GIL, FRANK (017634)
Retrieve User
Lookup User
Add User

ACCOUNTS
PERMISSIONS
PURCHASING PERMISSIONS
PURCHASING ADDRESSES
PURCHASING REQUESTORS
PURCHASING RESTRICT CAMPUS/DEPT

Print

Accounts Receivable
Global Access ☐
Offset Obj  : Offset Subj  : Offset Org

## 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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