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### ASCENDER 8.0400

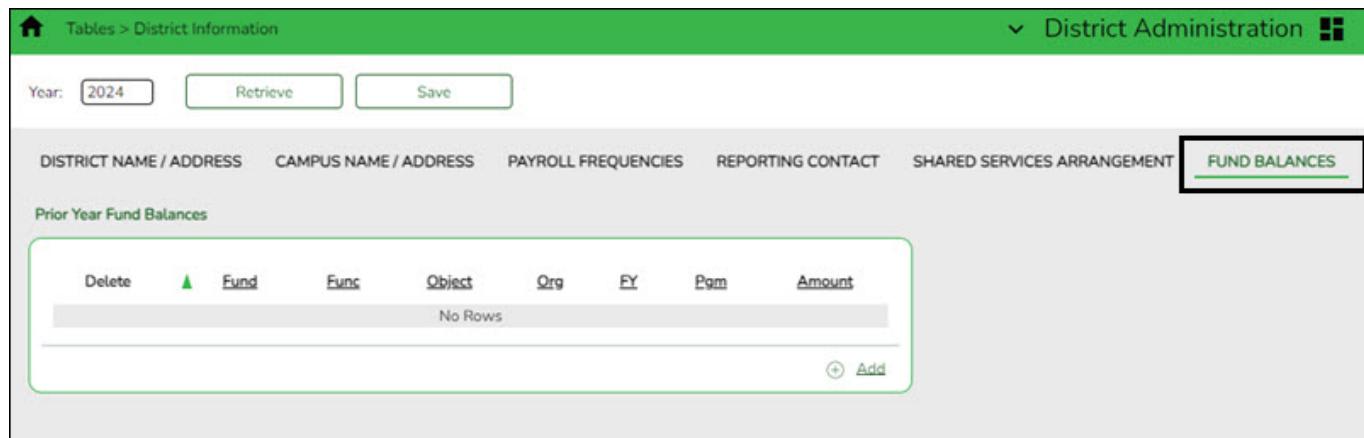
**Release Date:** 12/15/2023 **ASCENDER Update:** 8.0400

#### District Administration > Tables > District Information > Fund Balances

- Added this new tab to manually enter prior year ending fund balances (3XXX) as reflected on schedule C-1 of the audit to be used for the ActualExtension complex type during TSDS Mid-Year reporting.

#### IMPORTANT:

- Pilot LEAs will use this tab to manually enter prior year fund balances (3XXX).
- Non-pilot LEAs will continue to handle prior year fund balances (3XXX) in State Reporting.



The screenshot shows the ASCENDER District Administration interface. The top navigation bar includes a home icon, 'Tables > District Information', and a dropdown for 'District Administration'. Below the navigation is a toolbar with 'Year: 2024', 'Retrieve', and 'Save' buttons. The main content area has tabs for 'DISTRICT NAME / ADDRESS', 'CAMPUS NAME / ADDRESS', 'PAYROLL FREQUENCIES', 'REPORTING CONTACT', 'SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT', and 'FUND BALANCES'. The 'FUND BALANCES' tab is highlighted with a green border. Below the tabs is a section titled 'Prior Year Fund Balances' with a table. The table has columns: Delete, Fund, Func, Object, Org, FY, Pgm, and Amount. A green border highlights the 'Fund' column header. The table body shows a single row with the message 'No Rows'. At the bottom of the table is a green 'Add' button with a plus sign.

#### District Administration > Options > Login

- Modified the **Password Expiration (in days)** field to only allow values 1-180. Zero is no longer a valid value.

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

□ Added the **TSDS Unique ID** button. This functionality works in conjunction with the Texas Student Data System (TSDS). TSDS uses web services for Unique ID and for the Data Transmission Utility (DTU) allowing ASCENDER to interact directly with their Unique ID application to assign Unique IDs.

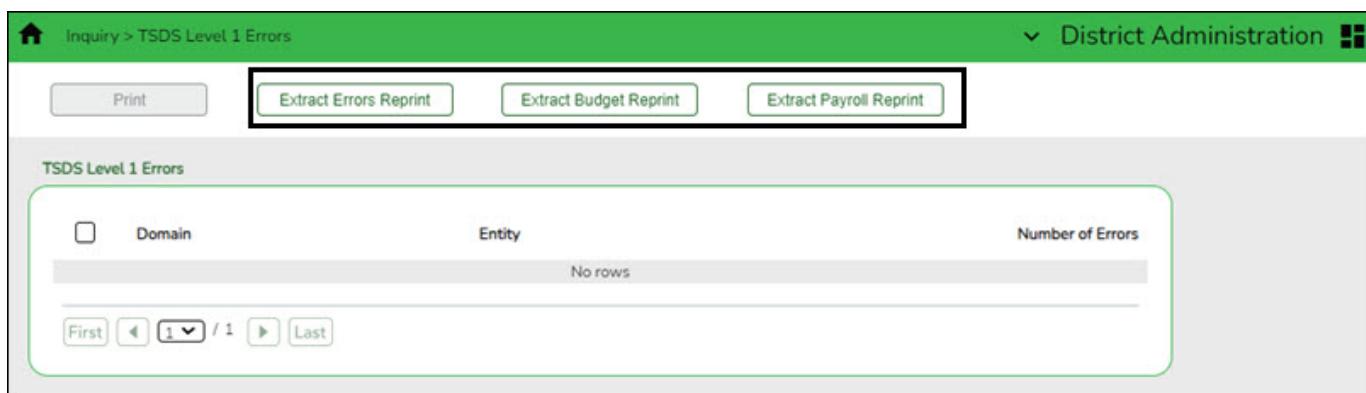
Before the **TSDS Unique ID** button can be used in ASCENDER, the LEA's designated TEAL user must obtain web service access.



The screenshot shows the ASCENDER software interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Maintenance > Non-Employee' and a 'District Administration' dropdown. Below this is a 'Texas Unique Staff ID' section with fields for 'User ID' and 'Password', and buttons for 'Search', 'Cancel', 'Assign New ID', 'Save', 'Employee Nbr' (001440), 'Name' (AARON, ABCDE), and 'NON-EMPLOYEE'. At the bottom right of this section is a 'TSDS Unique ID' button, which is highlighted with a red arrow.

## District Administration > Inquiry > TSDS Level 1 Errors

□ Added the following three buttons to allow the reprint of the extract reports from the last instance of TSDS Processing. These reports are not resent to the TSDS email distribution lists.



The screenshot shows the 'Inquiry > TSDS Level 1 Errors' screen. At the top, there's a 'Print' button and three buttons labeled 'Extract Errors Reprint', 'Extract Budget Reprint', and 'Extract Payroll Reprint', which are highlighted with a red box. Below this is a table titled 'TSDS Level 1 Errors' with columns for 'Domain', 'Entity', and 'Number of Errors'. The table shows 'No rows'. At the bottom are navigation buttons for 'First', 'Previous', '1', 'Next', and 'Last'.

- **Extract Errors Reprint** - Reprints the TSDS Extract Errors report.
- **Extract Budget Reprint** - Reprints the TSDS Budget Data Extract report.
- **Extract Payroll Reprint** - Reprints the TSDS Payroll Extract report.

## Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 8

Update: 8.0305

### ASCENDER 8.0305

**Release Date:** 11/15/23 **ASCENDER Update:** 8.0305

Updated the **EDFI Extract Error** report to only report one day of errors.

Added the county district number to the email subject line of the report.

[Update: 8.0200](#)

## ASCENDER 8.0200

**Release Date:** 10/10/23 **ASCENDER Update:** 8.0200

### District Administration > Options > TSDS > Connection

Modified the program to validate TSDS credentials upon saving the record. If validation is not passed, the record is not saved and the following message is displayed: "Information provided does not validate to TEA."

[Update: 8.0100](#)

## ASCENDER 8.0100

**Release Date:** 9/11/23 **ASCENDER Update:** 8.0100

### District Administration > Tables > LEA News

Added this page to allow LEA personnel to add and manage important news, announcements, or upcoming events, and display them on the ASCENDER Homepage Quick View dashboard. Each news entry includes a start and end date, a summary (topic), and a description. Additionally, if needed, entries can be limited to a specific audience based on their permission to an application and breadcrumb (menu item).

Tables > LEA News

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Tables

- PMIS
- Receiving Addresses
- District Information
- Freight Terms
- Electronic Signatures
- Commodity Codes
- District Logos
- LEA News

Quick View Title: LEA News

Delete	Sel	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Summary</u>
		08-01-2023	08-16-2023	First Day
		08-01-2023	08-16-2023	More News Coming
<input type="button" value="First"/> <input type="button" value="Previous"/> <input style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;" type="button" value="1"/> <input type="button" value="Last"/> <input type="button" value="Last"/>				

ASCENDER News

Annual Student Data Rollover Survey ASCENDER welcomes you to provide feedback on our revamped ASDR process by A...

Finance August Now is a great time to review that

LEA News

Approval Summary

# Pending	ID/Freq	Approval Type
No pending approvals		

First Day The first day information is here!

More News Coming Here is some more great news!

## District Administration > Options > TSDS > Options

Added validation to display a message indicating that at least one email address is required for each distribution list (**Finance Extract Distribution List, Personnel/Payroll Extract Distribution List, TSDS Extract Errors Distribution List**) if the Connection tab contains information.

## District Administration > Options > TSDS > Connection

Added validation to display a message indicating that at least one email address is required for each distribution list (**Finance Extract Distribution List, Personnel/Payroll Extract Distribution List, TSDS Extract Errors Distribution List**) on the Options tab if this tab contains information.

## District Administration > Utilities > Annual Student Data Rollover

- Updated the program to add Child Care Operation Number tables to the Annual Student Data Rollover (ASDR) process.
- Corrected an issue with the program that caused the utility to stop running and give the user an *Execute fail* message.
- Corrected an error when performing the **EXECUTE** step that caused the utility to stop and give the user an unexplained error message.
- Corrected the issue that caused the ASDR extract to fail when a student has multiple records for the IGC Program (State Reporting > Options *Local Program for IGC Reporting*) on Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment Local Programs.



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