



# **ASCENDER Administration Release Notes**

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## ASCENDER Release 8

### ASCENDER 8.0700

**Release Date:** 3/1/2024 **ASCENDER Update:** 8.0700

#### District Admin > Inquiry > TSDS Level 1 Errors

- ☐ Modified the page to add the latest date from the API transfer.
- ☐ Updated the *CTE Program Reporting Period Attendance* extract to perform more efficiently.

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### TSDS Parallel

☐ Corrected the issue that caused a *-6 Error* to display on the **TSDS Extract Error Report** on the following extract. It is possible that other scenarios may inadvertently cause the *-6 Error* to occur. TCC will investigate additional scenarios as they are reported.

- CTE PGM Association

### TSDS Extracts

#### Teaching and Learning > Course:

- ☐ Corrected the issue that caused *CourseOffering* load errors due to missing **Course** records.

#### Student:

- ☐ Corrected an issue with the extract so it will no longer report duplicate students in the error log.

#### Finance:

- ☐ Corrected the Finance actuals extract for PEIMS Midyear reporting.

### Student Identification and Demographics

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☐ Corrected the issue that caused the *Student Parent Association* extract to show an incorrect record when modifying a student's Primary Contact from a non-parent/guardian to a different contact.

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## Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 8

Update: 8.0600

### ASCENDER 8.0605

**Release Date:** 2/19/24 **ASCENDER Update:** 8.0605

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

☐ Corrected the TSDS Ed Org > School extract to not include campuses that are marked **Exclude from reporting to TEA** on *Campus Name/Address*.

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#### District Administration > Options > TSDS > Connection

☐ Updated an error message from *Connection: Information provided does not validate to TEA for submission year XXXX* to *Connection: Information provided does not validate to the host specified for submission year XXXX*.

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### TSDS Parallel

☐ Corrected errors on the Finance > PayrollExt Entity caused by not having the Staff > StaffEducationOrganizationEmploymentAssociation Entity due to a missing hire date.

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☐ Corrected the following error on the Staff > StaffSchoolAssociation Program Descriptor: 400 BAD Request "Message" Unable to resolve value "url://tea.texas.gov ProgramAssginmentDescriptor#03 to an existing" ProgramAssignmentDescriptor'resource.

☐ Corrected the Student Identification and Demographics : Student Parent Association extract to only extract contacts with Parent/Guardian selected.

☐ Corrected the issue that caused an error when reporting changes to the **ESC County District Number** field.

☐ Corrected the issue that prevented the TSDS Extract Errors report from functioning as intended.

Update: 8.0600

## ASCENDER 8.0600

**Release Date:** 2/7/2024 **ASCENDER Update:** 8.0600

### District Administration > Tables > District Information > Shared Services Arrangement

☐ Renamed the **Shared Services Arrangements Amounts** section to **Shared Services Arrangement Member Amounts** and added the **Member District ID** field.

The screenshot displays the 'District Administration' interface. At the top, there's a green header bar with 'Tables > District Information' on the left and 'District Administration' on the right. Below the header, there's a 'Year:' input field and 'Retrieve' and 'Save' buttons. A navigation bar contains several tabs: 'DISTRICT NAME / ADDRESS', 'CAMPUS NAME / ADDRESS', 'PAYROLL FREQUENCIES', 'REPORTING CONTACT', 'SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENT' (which is highlighted with a green underline), and 'FUND BALANCES'. Below the tabs, there are two main sections. The left section, titled 'Shared Services Arrangements', contains a table with columns: 'Delete', 'Shared Services Type', 'Fiscal Agent District ID', and 'SSA Actuals'. It shows two rows with types '01' and '02'. The right section, titled 'Shared Services Arrangement Member Amounts', contains a table with columns: 'Delete', 'Member District ID', 'Fund', 'Fiscal Year', and 'Amount'. This table is currently empty, showing 'No Rows'. An arrow points from the left section to the right section, indicating the transition or relationship between them.

### District Admin > Inquiry > TSDS Level 1 Errors

- ☐ Corrected an issue with the *Discipline Domain Level 1 Error Report* that caused the report to not generate.
- ☐ Modified the Finance Domain > SharedServiceArrangementExt Entity to extract as follows:
  - EducationOrganization
  - SSAMemberDistrictId
  - SSAType
  - FiscalYear
  - ActualAmount
  - SSAFund
- ☐ Modified all TSDS Level 1 Error reports to display and print in landscape orientation by default.
- ☐ Modified the page to add the **Extract Prior Year Reprint** button.



## TSDS Parallel

- ☐ Corrected the following Level 1 Errors:
  - EDFI Student Education Error Transforming Data and Inserting into EDFI Staging Table (EDFI\_STU\_ED\_ORG\_RESP\_STG)
  - Extract processed but failed TSDS Extract Batch Process processed but failed with stored procedure error. Please provide server.log file.
- ☐ Corrected the issue that caused a -6 Error to display on the **TSDS Extract Error Report** on the following extracts. It is possible that other scenarios may inadvertently cause the -6 Error to occur. TCC will investigate additional scenarios as they are reported.
  - Course Extract
  - Course Offering Extract
  - CTE PGM Association
  - CTE Program Reporting Period Attendance
  - Discipline Action Extract
  - Discipline Incident Extract
  - Enrolled Student Extract
  - Finance Budget Extract

- Parent Extract
- Prior Year Leaver Extract
- Section Extract
- Special Programs Reporting Period Attendance Extract
- Staff Ed Org Assignment Association Extract
- Student Discipline Associations Extract
- Student Education Organization Responsibility Extract
- Student Language Instruction Program Extract
- Student Parent Association Extract
- Student Program Extract
- Student School Association Extract
- Student School Attendance Event Extract
- Student Section Association Extract
- Student Special Education Program Association Extract

☐ In order to comply with TEA, some extracts have been modified to no longer extract the TEA deleted 0/00 descriptors. This will cause the API to no longer send the data element.

In testing against the TCC version of the iODS, TCC has discovered some of the data elements are required and will continue to trigger a Level 1 Error.

TCC is waiting on guidance from TEA.

☐ Updated the Budget and Payroll URI Descriptors to correct the following Level 1 Errors:

- Error: EdFi.Ods.Api.Services.Controllers.TX.BudgetExts.BudgetExtsController - MESSAGE: Post System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations.ValidationException: Validation of 'BudgetExt' failed. BudgetFunctionDescriptorId is required. BudgetFundDescriptorId is required. BudgetObjectDescriptorId is required. BudgetProgramIntentDescriptorId is required.
- Error: EdFi.Ods.Api.Services.Controllers.TX.PayrollExts.PayrollExtsController - MESSAGE: Post System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations.ValidationException: Validation of 'PayrollExt' failed. PayrollFunctionDescriptorId is required. PayrollFundDescriptorId is required. PayrollObjectDescriptorId is required. PayrollProgramIntentDescriptorId is required.

The URI Descriptors for Budget and Payroll were updated follows:

#### **Budget:**

	Namespace
1	uri://system.texas.gov/BudgetFunctionDescriptor
2	uri://system.texas.gov/BudgetFundDescriptor
3	uri://system.texas.gov/BudgetObjectDescriptor
4	uri://system.texas.gov/BudgetProgramIntentDescriptor
5	uri://tea.texas.gov/BudgetFunctionDescriptor
6	uri://tea.texas.gov/BudgetFundDescriptor
7	uri://tea.texas.gov/BudgetObjectDescriptor
8	uri://tea.texas.gov/BudgetProgramIntentDescriptor

**Payroll:**

	Namespace
1	uri://system.texas.gov/PayrollActivityDescriptor
2	uri://system.texas.gov/PayrollFunctionDescriptor
3	uri://system.texas.gov/PayrollFundDescriptor
4	uri://system.texas.gov/PayrollObjectDescriptor
5	uri://system.texas.gov/PayrollProgramIntentDescriptor
6	uri://tea.texas.gov/PayrollActivityDescriptor
7	uri://tea.texas.gov/PayrollFunctionDescriptor
8	uri://tea.texas.gov/PayrollFundDescriptor
9	uri://tea.texas.gov/PayrollObjectDescriptor
10	uri://tea.texas.gov/PayrollProgramIntentDescriptor

☐ Modified the program to include Finance Prior Year Actuals in the Ed-FI Extracts.

Update: 8.0400

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.



Inquiry > TSDS Level 1 Errors District Administration

Print Extract Errors Reprint Extract Budget Reprint Extract Payroll Reprint

TSDS Level 1 Errors

Domain	Entity	Number of Errors
No rows		

First Previous 1 / 1 Next 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.

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).

The screenshot shows the ASCENDER District Administration interface. The top navigation bar is green and contains a home icon, the text 'Tables > LEA News', and a dropdown menu for 'District Administration'. The left sidebar is dark grey and lists various modules: PMIS, Receiving Addresses, District Information, Freight Terms, Electronic Signatures, Commodity Codes, District Logos, and LEA News (which is highlighted in green). The main content area has a white background and contains two buttons, 'Add' and 'Save', at the top. Below these is a 'Quick View Title' field with the text 'LEA News'. A table with the following columns: Delete, Sel, Start Date, End Date, and Summary is displayed. The table contains two rows of data. Below the table is a pagination control showing '1 / 1' with 'First' and 'Last' buttons.

Delete	Sel	Start Date	End Date	Summary
		08-01-2023	08-16-2023	First Day
		08-01-2023	08-16-2023	More News Coming

The screenshot shows the ASCENDER Homepage Quick View dashboard. The dashboard is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a section titled 'ASCENDER News' with a trash icon. It contains two news items: 'Annual Student Data Rollover Survey' and 'Finance August'. To the right of these is a larger text block: 'ASCENDER welcomes you to provide feedback on our revamped ASDR process by A... Now is a great time to review that...'. On the right side of the dashboard is an 'Approval Summary' section with a trash icon. It shows '# Pending' and 'ID/Freq' with a value of 'No pending approvals'. At the bottom of the dashboard is a 'LEA News' section, which is highlighted with a large black arrow. It contains two news items: 'First Day' and 'More News Coming'. To the right of these is a larger text block: 'The first day information is here! Here is some more great news!'. The bottom right corner of the dashboard has a row of small icons: 1x1, 1x2, 1x3, 2x1, 2x2, 2x3, 3x1, 3x2, 3x3, and a trash icon.

## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.



## **Back Cover**