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ASCENDER Release 11

ASCENDER 11.0210

Release Date: 10/16/2025 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0210

Finance > Utilities > End of Month Closing

Modified the program to display the TSDS extract message at the beginning of the EOM closing process for accounting period 10. The message notifies users that once accounting period 10 is closed, the TSDS Budget and Payroll extracts will be paused until the Fiscal Year Close process is completed. Displaying the message earlier gives users the option to cancel the process and keep the period open.

Finance > Utilities > Mass Change Account Codes > Mask Crosswalk

Removed this utility from Finance due to increasing challenges over time including:

- Functionality issues
- Conflicts with Ed-Fi integration
- Lack of an audit trail

For additional information, review the Business announcement (*Upcoming Change: Discontinuation of Mass Change Account Codes (Mask Crosswalk) Utility in ASCENDER Finance*) sent September 15, 2025.

Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Responsibility

Modified the program to allow employees to have multiple responsibility records for the same year, provided that each record has a different **Staff Service** value.

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 > Staff Demo Personnel

Save

Employee: 000013 - AGUILAR, ADELA Retrieve Directory

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION INSURANCE SERVICE RECORD RESPONSIBILITY

Delete	Details	Year	Campus	Staff Classification	Staff Service
		2026	001 - 001 School	002 - Art Therapist	SA000004
		2026	001 - 001 School	002 - Art Therapist	SA000003
		2026	001 - 001 School	003 - Assistant Principal	SS003000

[Add](#)

School Year for PEIMS Codes: 2026

Job Code:

Campus: 001 001 School

Co-op/SSA LEA:

Staff Classification: 002 - Art Therapist

ESC/SSA: School District Employee

Staff Service: SA000004 - Interpreting Services Provider

SPED Student Age Range:

Pop Served: 01 Regular Students

Monthly Minutes: 00000

of Students: 0

Begin Date: 09-02-2025

End Date: 00-00-0000

☐ 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**.

Personnel > Utilities > Mass Update > Responsibility

☐ Modified the program to correctly update records based on the new allowance of multiple rows for a school year on the Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Responsibility tab.

Process Cancel

Date Run: 10-11-2025 10:36 AM Responsibility Mass Update Report Page: 1 of 1
 Crty Dist: 001-904 ISD Frequency: 5

Emp Nbr	Employee Name	Campus	Co-op/SSA LEA	Staff Classification	Staff Service	Begin Date	End Date	From	To
000001		001		002	SA000003			2025	2026
000001		001		002	SA000004			2025	2026

End of Report

Personnel > Reports > Personnel Reports > HRS1250 - Employee Data Listing

Modified the **Staff Responsibilities** section to display multiple rows if an employee has more than one responsibility record defined for a school year on the Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Responsibility tab. This change is effective in both Payroll and Personnel.

Payroll Name & Primary Address		Former Name & Alternate Address		Primary Campus: 001 - 001 School							
Emp Nbr: 000013 Emp Name: AGUILAR, ADELA				Program: HRS1250							
Cnty Dist: 001-906		Employee Data Listing TEXAS ISD		Page: 1 of 1							
				Frequency: 5							
Last: AGUILAR	First: ADELA	Last:	First:	Payroll Campus: 001 - 001 School	Info Restrict: N						
Middle:	Title: Gen:	Middle:	Title: Gen:	Restrict Public: A	Gender: F - Female						
Street: PO BOX 463	City/St: Alamo City, TX	Street:	City/St:	Local Area 1: SP ED TEAC	Marital Stat: M - Married						
Zip Cd: 48119	Country:	Zip Cd:	Country:	Local Area 2:	Birth Date: 08-08-1973						
Phone: (555) 675-6890	Cell: (555) 675-8941	Bus Ph: ()	Bus Ext:	Drivers Lic#: 26823405	Last Chg: 08-12-2019						
Wk E-mail:	Supplemental Address:	Hm E-mail:		DL Expir Date:	TX						
Country:	Delivery Name:			TRRS Beg. Dt: 08-30-2009	Deceased: N						
Emergency Contact: ELMER FUDD	Relation: SPOUSE			Citizen: Y							
Phone: (555) 675-6890	Ext:			Hispanic/Latino <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/>						
Emergency Notes:				Asian <input type="checkbox"/>	American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/>						
				White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Isl <input type="checkbox"/>						
Staff Responsibilities											
Campus	Job Code	Co-op/ SSA LEA	Staff Classification	ESC / Staff Service SSA	SPED Student Age Range	Pop Srvd	Monthly Minutes	Nbr Stu	Begin Date	End Date	Sch Year
001 - 001 School			002	SA000004		01	00000	0	09-02-2025		2026
001 - 001 School			002	SA000003		01	00000	0	10-23-2025		2026
001 - 001 School			003	SS003000		01	00000	0	10-15-2025		2026
End of Report											

Personnel > Maintenance > Employment Info

Added 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 > Employment Info Personnel

Save

Employee: 000013: AGUILAR, ADELA Retrieve Directory

Termination Date: 00-00-0000
 Extract for TSDS:
 Termination Reason:
 Eligible for Re-hire:
 Percent Day Employed: 100%
 Pct Day Employed Effective Date: 08-01-2023

Highly Qualified:
 Year Round:
 Extract ID: SEP 10 MONTH EMPLOYEES
 Highest Degree: 1 Bachelor's

Take Retiree Surcharge:
 NY Take Retiree Surcharge:

Years Experience

--Professional--
 Total: 16
 In District: 13
 Prior Teaching: 3
 Creditable Year of Service:

--Non-Professional--
 Total: 05
 In District: 05

Electronic Consent
 W-2:
 1095:

Service Record
 Full Semester:
 Grades Taught:

Contract Information
 Class: T TEACHER
 Term: 09 TENURED CONTRACT (CC)
 Year: 09 MORE THAN 5 YEARS

Extended Le
 Begin: 00
 End: 00

TRA Years Experience
 TRA Teaching Experience: 0
 TRA Eligibility:

Auxiliary Role ID

Delete	Auxiliary Role ID	Begin Date	End Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	--	--

Paraprofessional Certification

Delete	Para Cert	Begin Date	End Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	--	--

Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 11

[Update:11.0203](#)

ASCENDER 11.0203

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Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Credentials

Corrected an issue where employee termination dates were causing ECDS Fatal: 30040-0049 and setting the PK_TEACH_REQMNT to null for Business-only and non-employees.

[Update:11.0200](#)

ASCENDER 11.0200

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Personnel > Tables > WorkJournal > Options

Corrected the error message that occurred when trying to update the **Time Conversion** table.

[Update:11.0100](#)

ASCENDER 11.0105

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Accounts Receivable > Utilities > Print Invoices

Corrected an issue where selecting invoices for printing and clicking the CSV or PDF icon caused an Internal Server Error to occur. While invoices could be posted, they could not be printed or saved for mailing.

Personnel > Utilities > Texas Unique Staff ID Interface > Staff ID Export

Corrected the UID export file to display the date of birth (DOB) in the required format, MM/DD/YYYY instead of MM-DD-YYYY.

[Update:11.0100](#)

ASCENDER 11.0100

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Personnel > Utilities > Texas Unique Staff ID Interface > Staff ID Export

Modified the Unique ID export file to use the long name fields. Also, modified the **TSDS Unique ID** buttons located on the Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo and District Administration > Maintenance > Non-Employee pages to use the long name fields.

Payroll > Tables > Tax/Deductions > TRS Rates

Modified field labels to include new rate descriptions that align with TRS terminology. Both the existing and updated labels will be displayed on the page until all label changes are implemented system-wide. The changes are as follows:

EXEMPTIONS	INCOME TAX	FICA TAX	UNEMPLOYMENT	TRS RATES	ANNUITY RATES	WORKERS' COMP	DEDUCTION CD
<input type="button" value="Save"/>							
School Year: <input type="text" value="2025"/> <input type="button" value="Retrieve"/> <input type="button" value="Delete"/>							
<input type="button" value="Delete"/> <input type="button" value="Print"/>							
TRS Rate	Member Retirement Contribution:			<input type="text"/>	Employer Paid: <input type="checkbox"/>		
TRS Insurance	Member Care Contribution:			<input type="text"/>			
District Rate	State Contribution:			<input type="text"/>			
TRS Care Rate	Federal TRS Care:			<input type="text"/>			
TRS Care Emplr Contrib	RE TRS Care Contribution:			<input type="text"/>			
TRS IRS Salary Cap:				<input type="text"/>			
TRS Non-OASDI Rate	Public Education Employer Contribution (PEEC):			<input type="text"/>			

- **TRS Rate** (Added **Member Retirement Contribution**)
- **TRS Fee** (Removed this field as it is no longer applicable)
- **TRS Insurance** (Added **Member Care Contribution**)
- **District Rate** (Added **State Contribution**)
- **TRS Care Rate** (Added **Federal TRS Care**)
- **TRS Care Emplr Contribution** (Added **RE TRS-Care Contribution**)
- **TRS IRS Salary Cap** (No change)
- **TRS Non-OASDI Rate** (Added **Public Education Employer Contribution (PEEC)**)



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