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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.

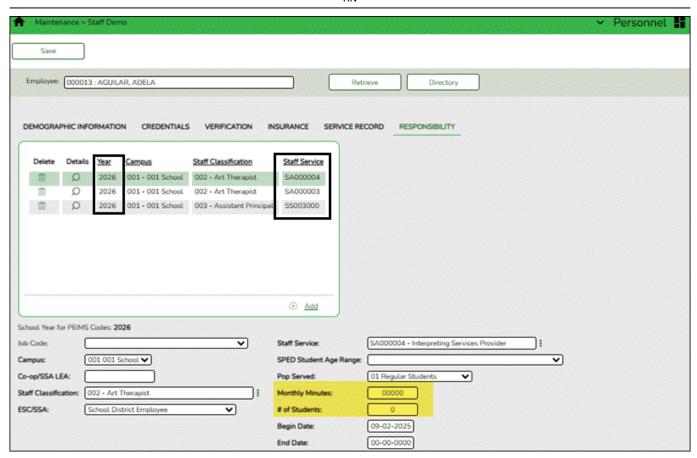### Finance > Utilities > Mass Change Account Codes > Mask Crosswalk

❏ 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.
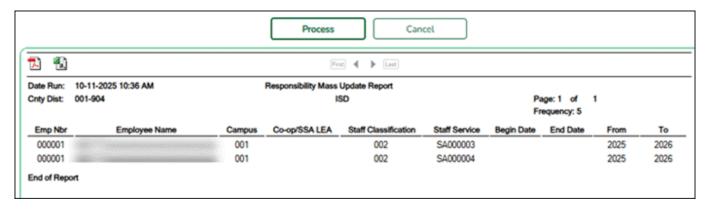
❏ Added validation to the **Monthly Minutes** field to default to 00000 if left blank.

❏ Added validation to the **# of Students** field to default to 0 if left blank.

☐ 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.
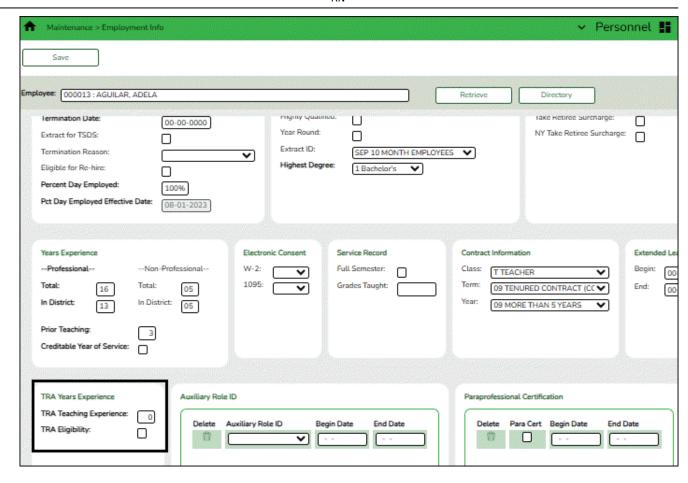

Personnel > Reports > Personnel Reports > HRS1250 - Employee Data Listing

☐ 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.

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Emp Nbr: 000013   Emp Name: AGUILAR, ADELA

Payroll Name & Primary Address	Former Name & Alternate Address	Primary Campus: 001 - 001 School
Last: AGUILAR	Last:	Payroll Campus: 001 - 001 School
First: ADELA	First:	Info Restrict: N Gender: F - Female
Middle:	Middle:	Restrict Public: A Marital Stat: M - Married
Title: Gen:	Title: Gen:	Local Area 1: SP ED TEAC Birth Date: 08-08-1973
Street: PO BOX 463	Street:	Local Area 2: Last Chg: 08-12-2019
City/St: Alamo City, TX	City/St:	Drivers Lic#: 26823405 TX
Zip Cd: 46119	Zip Cd:	DL Expir Date: Deceased: N
Country:		TRS Beg. Dt: 08-30-2009

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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.

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.
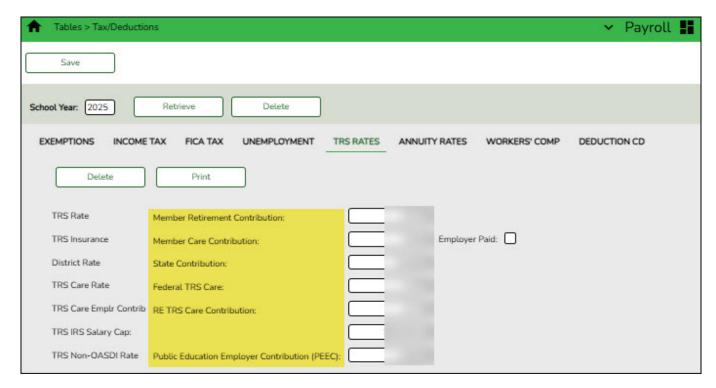
Update:11.0100

ASCENDER 11.0100

Release Date: 9/4/2025 **ASCENDER Update**: 11.0100

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:

- **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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