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ASCENDER Release 11

ASCENDER 11.0405

Release Date: 12/12/2025 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0405

Payroll > Maintenance > Calendar YTD Data > Calendar YTD

- Added the **Reportable Overtime** field to capture the half-time portion of overtime pay from the Payroll > Maintenance > Hours/Pay Transmittals > Ovtm Hours tab, which must be reported to employees. Eligible overtime wages include pay for hours worked over 40 in a week, calculated at 1.5 times the regular rate. Only the additional half-time portion, the extra 0.5 rate applied to overtime hours, is reportable.

Save Retrieve Directory

Calendar Year: 2025 Employee: [redacted]

CALENDAR YTD THIRD PARTY SICK PAY W2 INQUIRY

Calendar YTD Data

Contract Pay:	0.00	Withholding Tax:	0.00
Non-Contract Pay:	14,376.00	Medicare Gross:	15,016.00
Supplemental Pay:	640.00	Emp Medicare Tax:	217.60
TRS Supplemental:	0.00	FICA Gross:	0.00
Tax Empl Ins Contr:	0.00	Emp FICA Tax:	0.00
Non-TRS Bus Allow:	0.00	457 Empl Contr:	0.00
Non-TRS Reimbr Excess:	0.00	Emp Business Expense:	0.00
N-TRS N-Pay Bus Allow:	0.00	Earned Income Credit:	0.00
Tax Empl Grp Ins Contr:	0.00	TRS Deposit:	1,291.80
457 Withdraw:	0.00	Non-TRS Reimbr Base:	0.00
Annuities:	0.00	N-TRS Non-Tax Bus Allow:	0.00
Cafeteria 125:	0.00	N-TRS N-Tax N-Pay Allow:	0.00
TRS Salary Red:	1,197.50	Health Inc:	0.00
457 Emp Contr:	0.00	Unemployment Tax:	15.00
Empl Depend Care Taxable:	0.00	Unemployment Gross:	15,016.00
Taxable Gross:	13,818.52	Taxed Fringe Benefits:	0.00
Refresh Taxable Gross			
		Dependent Care:	0.00
		Moving Exp Reimbr:	0.00
		TEA Health Ins Contr:	0.00
		Empl Depend Care:	0.00
		Annuity Roth:	0.00
		HSA Emp Sal Red Contr:	0.00
		HSA Empl Contr:	0.00
		HIRE Exempt Wages:	0.00
		Empl Sponsored Health Coverage:	0.00
		Empl FICA Tax:	0.00
		Empl Medicare Tax:	217.60
		Annuity Roth 457b:	0.00
		Reportable Overtime:	4.00

Unemployment Data

	Gross	Tax
First Quarter:	4,713.47	4.70
Second Quarter:	4,055.00	4.04
Third Quarter:	4,103.40	4.11
Fourth Quarter:	2,144.13	2.15

Please select the pay date to be used for the pay history records: [dropdown menu]

Preview

Payroll > Maintenance > Calendar YTD Data > W2 Inquiry

- Added the **Reportable Overtime** field under **14 Non-Tax Allowance**, which is populated with the calculated reportable overtime wages from the Payroll > Maintenance > Calendar YTD Data > Calendar YTD tab. Also, made changes to ensure that the remaining box 12 amounts are always displayed for all calendar years.

Save

Calendar Year: 2025 Employee: Retrieve Directory

CALENDAR YTD THIRD PARTY SICK PAY W2 INQUIRY

Calendar YTD		W2	
Contract Pay:	0.00	1 Taxable Gross:	2 Withholding Tax: 0.00
Non-Contract Pay:	14,376.08	3 FICA Gross:	4 FICA Tax: 0.00
Supplemental Pay:	640.00	5 Medicare Gross:	6 Medicare Tax: 217.69
TRS Suppl Comp:	0.00	9 Earned Inc Credit:	10 Dependent Care: 0.00
Tax Emplr Ins Contr:	0.00	11 457 Withdraw:	12 C Tax Ins Contr: 0.00
N-TRS Bus Allow:	0.00	14 Non-Tax Allowance:	E Annuities: 0.00
N-TRS Reimbr Excess:	0.00	Cafeteria 125:	G 457 Emp/Empl: 0.00
N-TRS N-Pay Bus Allow:	0.00	TRS:	J Non-Tax Sick Pay: 0.00
Tax Emplr Grp Ins Contr:	0.00	Health Ins Ded:	L Emp Business Exp: 0.00
457 Withdraw:	0.00	Taxable Allowance:	P Move Exp Reimb: 0.00
Emplr Depend Care Taxable:	0.00	Tax Fringe Benefits:	W HSA Contrib: 0.00
Annuities:	0.00	Reportable Overtime:	BB Annuity Roth: 0.00
Cafeteria 125:	0.00		CC HIRE Exempt Wages: 0.00
TRS Salary Red:	1,197.56		DD Emplr Sponsored Health Coverage: 0.00
457 Emp Contr:	0.00		EE Annuity Roth 457b: 0.00
Taxable Gross:	13,818.52		
Deceased:			
Pension:	Y		

Payroll > Reports > Quarterly/Annual Reports > HRS5100 - W-2 Forms

Per IRS requirements, updated the W-2 form/instructions and all W-2 functionality to support the 2025 tax year.



EmployeePortal

EmployeePortal > Inquiry > W-2 Information

Per IRS requirements, updated the W-2 form/instructions and all W-2 functionality to support the 2025 tax year. Also, added the reportable overtime (OVTM) to box 14.

Form W-2 Wage and Tax Statement

a Employee's social security number 211-54-7458	1 Wages, tips, other compensation 21588.94	2 Federal income tax withheld 811.74
b Employer identification number (EIN) 51-9128683	3 Social security wages 0.00	4 Social security tax withheld 0.00
c Employer's name, address and Zip code Texas ISD 1715 Lone Star Drive Alamo City, TX 78119-4521	5 Medicare wages and tips 23482.51	6 Medicare tax withheld 340.48
	9	10 Dependent care benefits 0.00
e Employee's first name and initial Last Name Suff. RENEE TAMMY BELL 2114 N PHELPS ST Alamo City, TX 78119	12 See Instrs. for box 12 DD 4701.00	14 Other Non-Tax Allowance 67.44 Cafeteria 125 123.00 TRS Salary Reduction 1893.57 Taxable Allowance 153.22 OVTM 315.61
	13 Statutory Employee <input type="checkbox"/>	Retirement Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Third party sick pay <input type="checkbox"/>

Copy B-To Be Filed With Employee's FEDERAL Tax Return

Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service

This information is being furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

2025

Added the **Reportable Overtime** field, which is populated with the calculated reportable overtime wages from the Payroll > Maintenance > Calendar YTD Data > Calendar YTD tab.

W-2 Information

Please select a calendar year: 2025

Taxable Gross Pay	21,588.94	Withholding Tax	811.74	Pension	Y
FICA Gross	0.00	FICA Tax	0.00		
Medicare Gross	23,482.51	Medicare Tax	340.48		
Earned Income Credit	0.00	Dependent Care	0.00		
Annuity Deduction	0.00	457 Withdraw	0.00	457 Annuities - Box 12	0.00
Cafeteria 125	123.00	Roth 403B After Tax	0.00		
Non-TRS Business Expense	67.44	Taxable Allowance	153.22	Emp Business Expense	0.00
Moving Expense Reimbursement	0.00	Emplir Sponsored Health Coverage	4,701.00	Annuity Roth 457b	0.00
TRS Salary Reduction	1,893.57				
Reportable Overtime	315.61				
Taxed Life Contribution	0.00	Health Insurance Deduction	0.00	Taxable Fringe Benefits	0.00
Health Savings Account	0.00	Non-Tax Sick Pay	0.00	HIRE Exempt Wages	0.00

Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 11

Update:11.0310

ASCENDER 11.0310

Release Date: 11/21/2025 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0310

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

Added the **TRA Years Experience** section from the Personnel > Maintenance > Employment Info page to the report.

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Personnel > Utilities > Change Staff ID / TX Unique ID

- Modified the program to exclude the Ed-Fi ODS ID fields when inserting rows as those fields default to null and caused issues when sending data to the Exchange ODS.

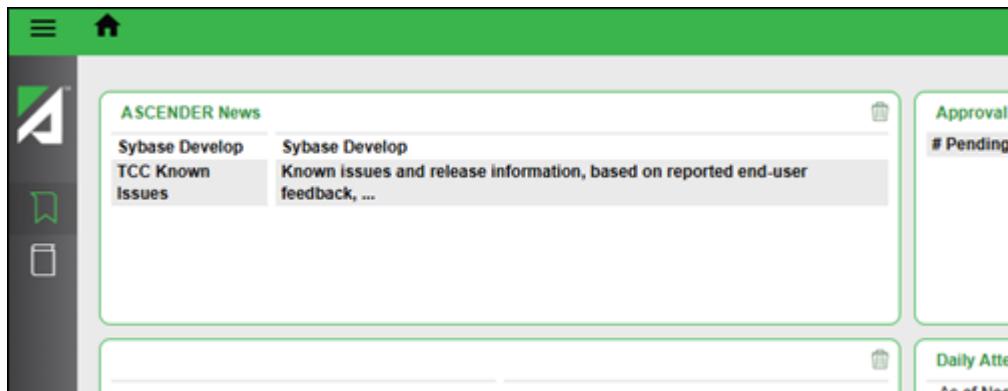
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Release Date: 11/13/2025 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0305

ASCENDER Dashboard

- Updated the program so **TCC Known Issues** news displays on the ASCENDER dashboard.



Payroll > Reports > Payroll Information Reports > Employee Responsibility Data Report - HRS6350

- Corrected the issue that caused the report to be blank.

Update:11.0300

ASCENDER 11.0300

Release Date: 11/6/2025 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0300

Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Responsibility

- Corrected the following known issue that was previously identified in 11.0210: *A known issue may cause -6 errors during TSDS extraction if responsibility records are submitted and then changes are made to the **Campus, Staff Classification, and/or Begin Date**.*

Modified the program so that when changes are made to the following key fields in a responsibility record, the original record is deleted and a new record is inserted to reflect the change. This will assist the with data management required for TSDS staging tables.

- **Campus**
- **Role ID**
- **Begin Date**

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Business Reports

Disabled the **Preview** button on all reports **except** the following:

Asset Management:

- BAM1350 - Asset Import Report

- BAM1400 - Campus Room Inventory Listing
- BAM9010 - User Created Reports

Budget:

- BUD1200 - Simulation Report

Finance:

- FIN1300 - Check Payments List
- FIN2100 - 1099 Forms
- FIN2500 - Print Vendor Label
- FIN3700 - Cash Position by Bank by Acct Per

Payroll/Personnel:

- HRS1200 - Federal EEOC Report
- HRS1250 - Employee Data Listing
- HRS1400 - Teacher Service Record
- HRS1450 - Employee Mailing Labels
- HRS1550 - New Hire Report
- HRS1650 - Employee Salary Information
- HRS1700 - Social Security Number Verification
- HRS2050 - Proof List of Payroll Transactions
- HRS2500 - Wage and Earning Statement
- HRS2600 - Employee Substitute Report
- HRS3500 - YTD Wage and Earning Statements
- HRS4150 - TRS On-Behalf Payment Journal
- HRS5050 - TWC Wage List
- HRS5250 - 1095-B Forms
- HRS5255 - 1095-C Forms
- HRS6350 - Employee Responsibility Data
- HRS6650 - CYR/NYR Salary Comparison
- User Created Report - HRS9000
- CYR/NYR Positions - HRS9010
- Position History - HRS9020

Purchasing:

- REQ1450 - Print Purchase Orders
- REQ1500 - Reprint Purchase Orders
- REQ2000 - Request for Quotation Report
- REQ9310 - Requisition Report
- REQ9320 - Requisition Items Report
- REQ9330 - Requisition Items Acct Report

Warehouse:

- BWH1150 - Print Shipping Order
- BWH1200 - Reprint Shipping Order
- BWH1450 - Print Purchase Order Form
- BWH1500 - Reprint Purchase Order Form

- BWH2000 - Request for Quotation Report
- Requisition Items Report - BWH9010
- Requisition Items Acct Report - BWH9020

Update:11.0210

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.

DEMOCRATIC 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

School Year for PEIMS Codes: 2026

Job Code:

Staff Service: SA000004 - Interpreting Services Provider

Campus: 001 001 School

SPED Student Age Range:

Co-op/SSA LEA:

Pop Served: 01 Regular Students

Staff Classification: 002 - Art Therapist

Monthly Minutes: 00000

ESC/SSA: School District Employee

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.

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

 The report also includes a header with Date Run: 10-11-2025 10:36 AM, Cnty Dist: 001-904, and a footer with Page: 1 of 1 Frequency: 5."/>

Process Cancel

Date Run: 10-11-2025 10:36 AM

Responsibility Mass Update Report

Cnty Dist: 001-904

ISD

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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.

Date Run: 10-13-2025 1:57 PM Cnty Dist: 001-906		Employee Data Listing TEXAS ISD		Program: HRS1250 Page: 1 of 1 Frequency: 5							
Emp Nbr: 000013 Emp Name: AGUILAR, ADELA		Payroll Name & Primary Address		Former Name & Alternate Address							
Last: AGUILAR	First: ADELA	Middle:	Gen: Title: PO BOX 483	Gen: Title: Street: Alamo City, TX	Primary Campus: 001 - 001 School Payroll Campus: 001 - 001 School Info Restrict: N Restrict Public: A Local Area 1: SP ED TEAC Local Area 2: Drivers Lic#: 26823405 DL Expir Date: TRS Beg. Dt: 08-30-2009						
Street: PO BOX 483	City/St: Alamo City, TX	Zip Cd: 48119	Country: Phone: (555) 675-6690 Cell: (555) 675-8941 Bus Ph: () Wk E-mail: Hm E-mail:	Bus Ext:	Gender: F - Female Marital Stat: M - Married Birth Date: 08-08-1973 Last Chg: 08-12-2019 Deceased: N Citizen: Y Hispanic/Latino <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific <input type="checkbox"/> Isl <input type="checkbox"/>						
Supplemental Address: Country: Delivery Name:		Emergency Contact: ELMER FUDD Relation: SPOUSE Bilingual:									
Emergency Notes:											
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.

Employee: 000013 : AGUILAR, ADELA

Termination Date: 00-00-0000

Extract for TSOS:

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

--Non-Professional--

Total: 05

In District: 05

Prior Teaching: 3

Creditable Year of Service:

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

Paraprofessional Certification

Delete Para Cert Begin Date End Date

Update:11.0203

ASCENDER 11.0203

Release Date: 10/9/2025 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0203

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

Release Date: 10/2/2025 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0200

Personnel > Tables > WorkJournal > Options

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

[Update:11.0100](#)

ASCENDER 11.0105

Release Date: 9/10/2025 **ASCENDER Update:** 11.0105

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	Member Retirement Contribution:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 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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