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# **ASCENDER Business Release Notes**

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## ASCENDER Release 8

### ASCENDER 8.1200

Release Date: 8/21/24 ASCENDER Update: 8.1200

#### Known Issues:

[https://help.ascendertx.com/releasenotes/doku.php/business/update\\_8\\_1200\\_known\\_issues](https://help.ascendertx.com/releasenotes/doku.php/business/update_8_1200_known_issues)

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#### Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Responsibility

Modified the program to facilitate changes made to the TSDS Staff > StaffEducationOrganizationAssignmentAssociation domain for records with a 2025 school year or greater.

- Added the **Co-op/SSA LEA** field to identify the district and campus where the employee has work assignment records if other than their home district/campus. This field requires nine digits (six-digit district ID + three-digit campus ID).
- Renamed the **Role ID/Staff Classification** field to **Staff Classification**.
- Removed the following fields and related validations:
  - **SPED Student Age Range**
  - **Classroom Position**
  - **Local Course Code**
  - **Class ID / Section Identifier**
  - **Session Name**
  - **Class Type**
  - **Service ID**
  - **Refresh Service ID Setting**
  - **PE Info:**
    - **Days Wk 1**
    - **Days Wk 2**
    - **Days Wk 3**
    - **Days Wk 4**
    - **Min Wk 1**
    - **Min Wk 2**
    - **Min Wk 3**
    - **Min Wk 4**

Maintenance > Staff Demo Personnel

Save

Employee:  Retrieve Directory

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION INSURANCE SERVICE RECORD RESPONSIBILITY

Delete Details Year Campus Staff Classification Grade Level

Co-op/SSA LEA: 123456789

Job Code: P236 SP ED ASST (C.M.)

Staff Service:

Campus:

Grade Level:

Co-op/SSA LEA: 123456789

Staff Classification:

ESC/SSA: School District Employee

Pop Served:

Monthly Minutes:

# of Students:

Begin Date: 00-00-0000

End Date: 00-00-0000

**Personnel > Maintenance > Employment Info**

Added the **Extract for TSDS** checkbox to the **Employment Dates** section. If selected, the employee will be included in TSDS Staff Domain extracts regardless of their employment status.

Maintenance > Employment Info Personnel

Save

Employee:  Retrieve Directory

EMPLOYMENT INFO

Employee Status: 1 Active professional Employed

**Employment Dates**

Original Emp Date: 07-18-2000

Latest Re-Employ Date: 00-00-0000

Termination Date: 00-00-0000

Extract for TSDS:

Termination Reason:

Eligible for Re-hire:

Percent Day Employed: 100%

**Employment Types**

Employment Type: F Half-Time or more

Sub Type:

Highly Qualified:

Year Round:

Extract ID: 008 CONVERSION

Highest Degree: 1 Bachelor's

**Retiree Information**

Retirement Date: 00-00-0000

Retiree Employment Type:

Take Retiree Surcharge:

NY Take Retiree Surcharge:

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

Modified the program to facilitate changes made to the TSDS Staff > StaffEducationOrganizationAssignmentAssociation domain for records with a 2025 school year or greater. The following changes were made to the **Staff Responsibilities** section:

- Added the **Co-op/SSA LEA** column .
- Renamed the **Role ID** column to **Staff Classification**.
- Removed the following columns:
  - **Service ID**
  - **Service ID Descr**
  - **Class ID**
  - **Class Type**
  - **PE Info:**
    - **Days Wk 1**
    - **Days Wk 2**
    - **Days Wk 3**
    - **Days Wk 4**
    - **Min Wk 1**
    - **Min Wk 2**
    - **Min Wk 3**
    - **Min Wk 4**

Staff Responsibilities												
Campus	Staff Classification	Co-op/ SSA LEA	Pop Srvd	Grd Lvl	Nbr Stu	Monthly Minutes	ESC/ SSA	Job Code	Begin Date	End Date	School Year	

## Personnel & Payroll > Reports > User Created Reports

Added the **Co-op/SSA LEA** checkbox to the **Responsibility** section to facilitate changes made to the TSDS Staff > StaffEducationOrganizationAssignmentAssociation domain for records with a 2025 school year or greater.

Reports > User Created Reports Personnel

Save Create Report Delete Reset

Report Template  
  Public Retrieve Directory

Report Title

Employee Nbr:   Employed Only

Certification

- Cert Type
- Cert Date
- Date Expire
- Specialty Area
- Teaching Spec

Responsibility

- Campus
- Role ID
- Service ID
- School Year
- Pop Served
- Nbr Of Students
- Monthly Minutes
- Co-op/SSA LEA
- Class ID
- Class Type
- ESC/SSA
- Job Code
- Days Wk 1
- Days Wk 2
- Days Wk 3
- Days Wk 4
- Min Wk 1
- Min Wk 2
- Min Wk 3
- Min Wk 4
- Grade Level
- Begin Date
- End Date

## Personnel > Reports > User Created Reports

Added the **Extract for TSDS** checkbox to the **Employment** section.

Reports > User Created Reports Personnel

Save Create Report Delete Reset

Report Template  
  Public Retrieve Directory

Report Title

Employee Nbr:   Employed Only

Employment

- Employee Status Code
- Highest Degree Achieved
- Percent Day Employed
- Est Annual Salary
- Yrs Professional Experience
- Yrs Professional in District
- Yrs Prior Teaching
- Yrs Non-Professional Experience
- Yrs Non-Professional in District
- Creditable Year of Service
- Contract Class
- Contract Term
- Contract Year
- Grades Taught
- Original Emp Date
- Latest Re-Employ Date
- Retirement Date
- Termination Date
- Extended Leave Begin
- Extended Leave End
- IRS Lock-In Letter
- Take Retiree Surcharge
- NY Take Retiree Surcharge
- Extract ID
- Fingerprint Status
- Fingerprint Extract Date
- Fingerprint Date
- Extract for TSDS
- W-2 Elec Consent
- 1095 Elec Consent
- ERS Retiree Health Elig
- NY ERS Retiree Health Elig
- Employment Type
- Retiree Employment Type
- Termination Reason
- Termination Reason Descr
- Full Semester
- Auxiliary Role ID
- Auxiliary Role Effective Date
- Highly Qualified
- Paraprofessional Certification
- Paraprofessional Cert Effective Date

# Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 8

[Update: 8.1100](#)

## ASCENDER 8.1100

**Release Date:** 7/3/24 **ASCENDER Update:** 8.1100

### Finance > Utilities > Fiscal Year Close

Corrected the program to generate the general journal and allow the fiscal year close process to be successfully completed.

[Update: 8.0900](#)

## ASCENDER 8.0900

**Release Date:** 5/22/2024 **ASCENDER Update:** 8.0900

### Payroll > Maintenance > Staff Job/Pay

Added a new feature to protect employee data. The employee will now receive an email if any changes are saved to their bank information. The email will be sent to the employee's **Work** and/or **Home E-mail** address(es) listed on the Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Demographic Information page.

- If both email addresses are populated, the email will be sent to both emails.
- If the employee does not have an email address listed, the employee will not receive an email.

### Position Management > Maintenance > PMIS Change In Position > Change In Compensation

Corrected the issue that caused a program error to occur when processing a CIP and performing a Payroll Rejection Rollback.

[Update: 8.0600](#)

## ASCENDER 8.0600

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**Release Date:** 02/07/24 **ASCENDER Update:** 8.0600

## ASCENDER Homepage & Quick View Dashboard

Modified the program to save and display data based on the user's **Profile Name** instead of **User ID**.

Update: 8.0400

## ASCENDER 8.0400

**Release Date:** 12/15/23 **ASCENDER Update:** 8.0400

### Accounts Receivable > Maintenance > Invoice Payments > Payments

Corrected the Cash Receipts lookup to only include cash receipt transactions from the current Accounts Receivable accounting period and current Finance GL file ID.

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### Finance

Per Frontline requirements, created a standard extract for Frontline Analytics Finance reporting for all ASCENDER clients. Refer to Technical Documentation > Third Party Extracts for setup information.

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### Finance > Tables > TSDS Crosswalks

Modified the program to prevent duplicate values from being saved in the **From** column.

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### Finance > Reports > Finance Reports > Vendor/Purchase Order Reports > FIN2100 - 1099 Forms

Per IRS requirements, updated the 1099-MISC/1099-NEC forms/instructions and all 1099-MISC/1099-NEC functionality to support the 2023 tax year.

## 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 2023 tax year.

## Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Demographic Information

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.

## Personnel > Reports > Payroll Information Reports > HRS5250 - 1095-B Forms

Per IRS requirements, updated the 1095-B form/instructions and all 1095-B functionality to support the 2023 tax year.

## Personnel > Reports > Payroll Information Reports > HRS5255 - 1095-C Forms

Per IRS requirements, updated the 1095-C form/instructions and all 1095-C functionality to support the 2023 tax year.

## Position Management > Maintenance > PMIS Change In Position > Separation

Modified the program to correctly calculate the pay rate for pay type 3 employees when processing a separation and display the correct pay rate on the CIP report.



## EmployeePortal

### EmployeePortal > Inquiry > W-2 Information

Per IRS requirements, updated the W-2 form/instructions and all W-2 functionality to support the 2023 tax year.

### EmployeePortal > Inquiry > 1095 Information

Per IRS requirements, updated the 1095-B/1095-C forms/instructions and all 1095-B/1095-C functionality to support the 2023 tax year.

Update: [8.0200](#)

## ASCENDER 8.0200

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

### TSDS Ed-Fi Finance Actual Extract

Changed the procedure to use the *SYR Actual - Short Year Fund/YR* option from the Finance > Tables > TSDS Crosswalks page when the extract is run on a GL File ID that is a short year.

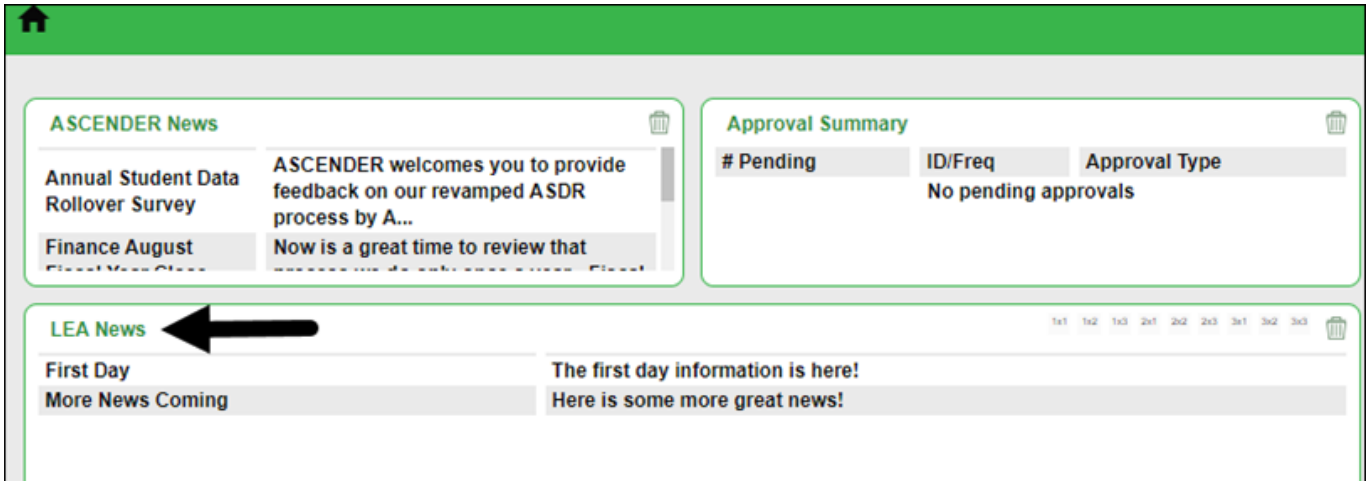
Update: [8.0100](#)

## ASCENDER 8.0100

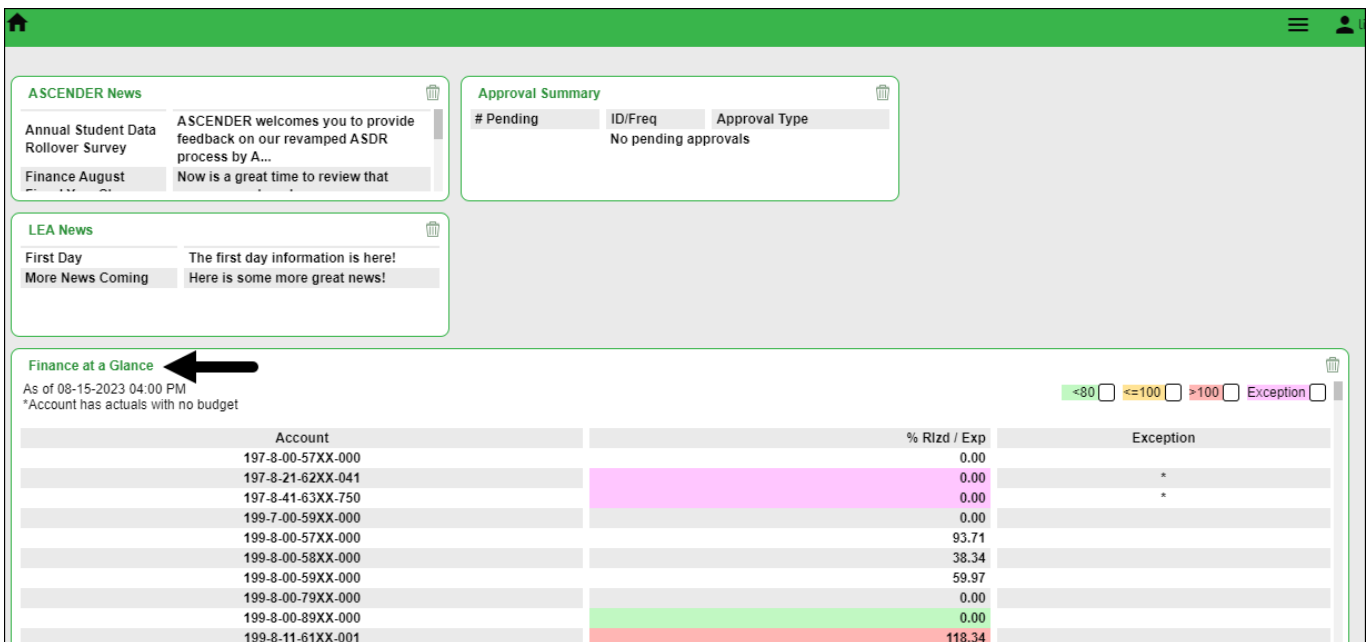
**Release Date:** 9/11/23 **ASCENDER Update:** 8.0100

## ASCENDER Homepage

□ Added the **LEA News** element to the Quick View dashboard. This feature allows 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). This functionality is managed on the new District Administration > Tables > LEA News page.



□ Added the **Finance at a Glance** element to the Quick View dashboard. This feature displays a personalized summary of accounts based on the user's profile in District Administration. This data is retrieved from the general ledger balances in Finance file ID C and is updated on an hourly basis (at the top of the hour). Additionally, there are filters available to view selected accounts.



## Warehouse > Reports > Warehouse Reports

Removed the sort/filter options from the following reports:

- BWH1000 - Inventory Status Report
- BWH1050 - Warehouse Inventory Report Sorted By Category
- BWH1100 - Reorder Report
- BWH1150 - Print Shipping Order
- BWH1200 - Reprint Shipping Order
- BWH1250 - Back Order Report
- BWH1300 - Receiving Report for Inventory Items
- BWH1350 - Warehouse Transaction Register
- BWH1400 - Inventory Item History Report
- BWH1450 - Print Purchase Order Form
- BWH1500 - Reprint Purchase Order Form
- BWH1600 - Commodity Codes Actual Cost Report



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