



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

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](#)

[Add](#)

School Year for PEIMS Codes: **2025**

Job Code:	<input type="text" value="P236 SP ED ASST (C.M.)"/>	Staff Service:	<input type="text"/>
Campus:	<input type="text"/>	Grade Level:	<input type="text"/>
Co-op/SSA LEA:	<input type="text" value="123456789"/>	Pop Served:	<input type="text"/>
Staff Classification:	<input type="text"/>	Monthly Minutes:	<input type="text"/>
ESC/SSA:	<input type="text" value="School District Employee"/>	# of Students:	<input type="text"/>
		Begin Date:	<input type="text" value="00-00-0000"/>
		End Date:	<input type="text" value="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:	<input type="text" value="1 Active professional"/>	Employed	
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> Employment Dates <p>Original Emp Date: <input type="text" value="07-18-2000"/></p> <p>Latest Re-Employ Date: <input type="text" value="00-00-0000"/></p> <p>Termination Date: <input type="text" value="00-00-0000"/></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Extract for TSDS: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Termination Reason: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Eligible for Re-hire: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Percent Day Employed: <input type="text" value="100%"/></p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> Employment Types <p>Employment Type: <input type="text" value="F Half-Time or more"/></p> <p>Sub Type: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Highly Qualified: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Year Round: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Extract ID: <input type="text" value="008 CONVERSION"/></p> <p>Highest Degree: <input type="text" value="1 Bachelor's"/></p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> Retiree Information <p>Retirement Date: <input type="text" value="00-00-0000"/></p> <p>Retiree Employment Type: <input type="text"/></p> <p>Take Retiree Surcharge: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NY Take Retiree Surcharge: <input type="checkbox"/></p> </div>			

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**

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

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

Report Title

Employee Nbr Employed Only

Certification

Cert Type Specialty Area
 Cert Date Teaching Spec
 Date Expire

Responsibility

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

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

Report Title

Employee Nbr Employed Only

Employment

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

Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 8

Update: 8.1100

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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

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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

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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](#)

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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.

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.

Finance > Tables > TSDS Crosswalks

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

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.

The screenshot shows a software interface for managing staff demographic information. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Maintenance > Staff Demo' and a 'Personnel' dropdown. Below the navigation is a search bar with fields for 'User ID' and 'Password', and buttons for 'Search' and 'Cancel'. A 'Save' button is highlighted with a green box. In the center, there's a form for an employee with fields for 'Employee' (containing '000291') and 'IA'. At the bottom of the form, there are tabs for 'DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION', 'CREDENTIALS', 'VERIFICATION', 'INSURANCE', 'SERVICE RECORD', and 'RESPONSIBILITY'. A large black arrow points from the bottom right towards the 'TSDS Unique ID' button, which is located on the right side of the form area.

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.

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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.

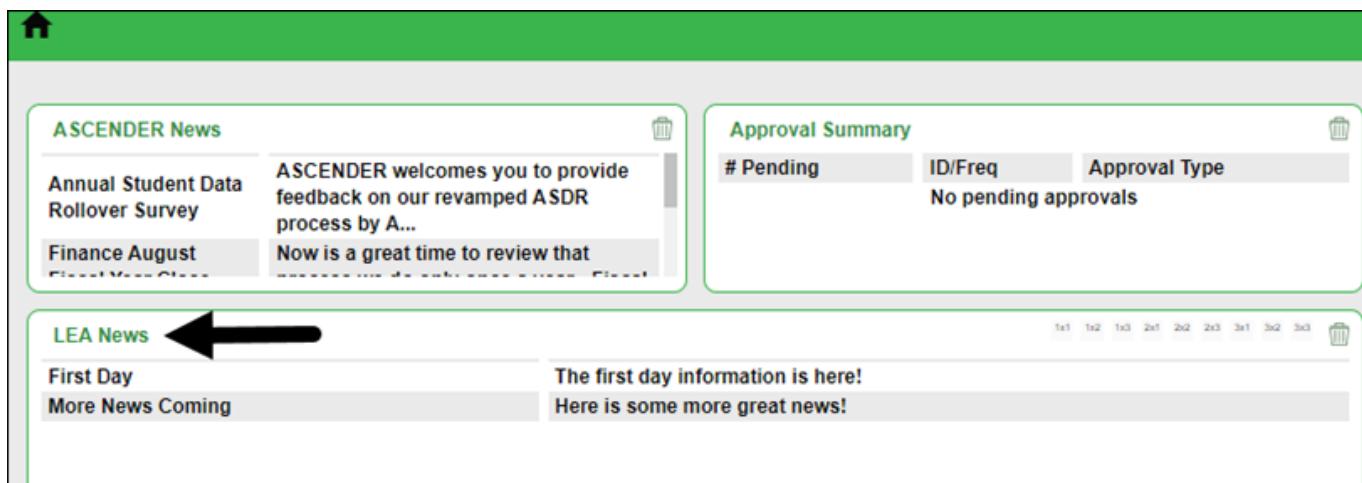
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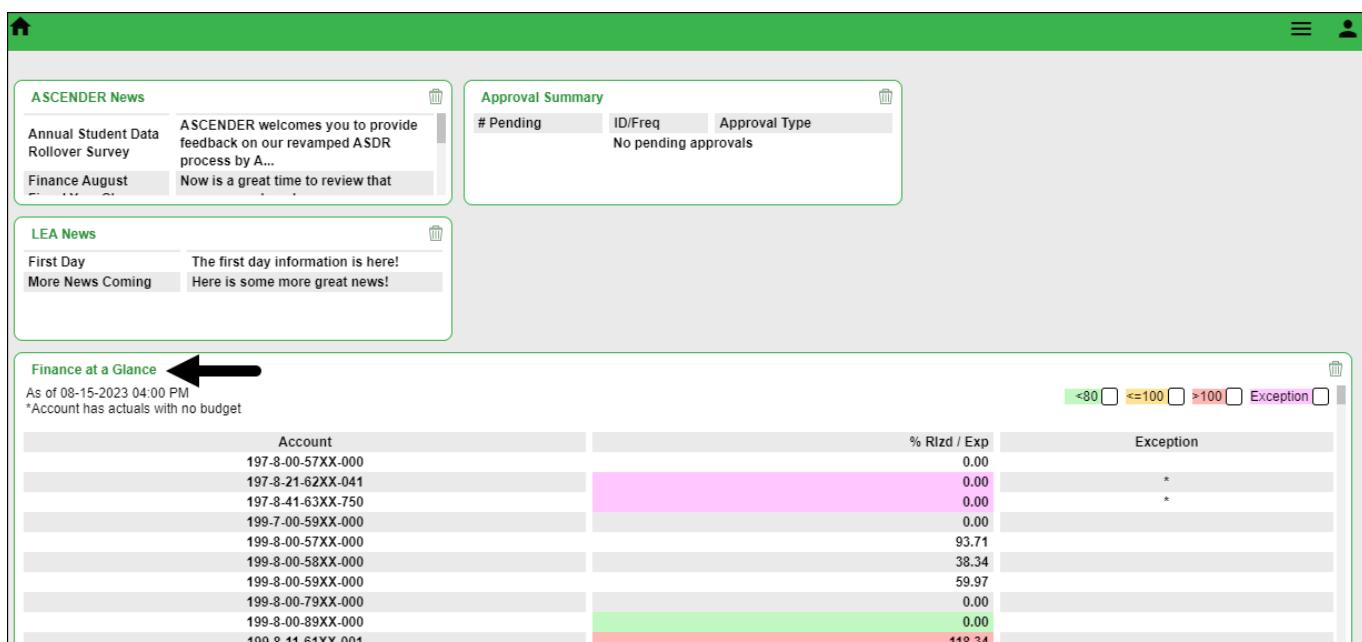
ASCENDER Homepage

- 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.



The screenshot shows the ASCENDER Homepage with a green header bar. Below it, there are three main sections: 'ASCENDER News', 'Approval Summary', and 'LEA News'. The 'LEA News' section is highlighted with a black arrow pointing to it. It contains two news items: 'Annual Student Data Rollover Survey' and 'Finance August'. The 'Approval Summary' section shows 'No pending approvals'. The 'LEA News' section also displays 'First Day' and 'More News Coming' with their respective descriptions.

- 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.



The screenshot shows the ASCENDER Homepage with a green header bar. Below it, there are three main sections: 'ASCENDER News', 'Approval Summary', and 'Finance at a Glance'. The 'Finance at a Glance' section is highlighted with a black arrow pointing to it. It displays a table of accounts with their balances and a color-coded exception filter. The table includes accounts like 197-8-00-57XX-000, 197-8-21-62XX-041, 197-8-41-63XX-750, 199-7-00-59XX-000, 199-8-00-57XX-000, 199-8-00-58XX-000, 199-8-00-59XX-000, 199-8-00-79XX-000, 199-8-00-89XX-000, and 199-8-11-61XX-001. The 'Approval Summary' section shows 'No pending approvals'.

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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