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

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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**

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.

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.

Personnel > Reports > User Created Reports

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

Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 8

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.

ASCENDER 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.

ASCENDER 8.0600

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

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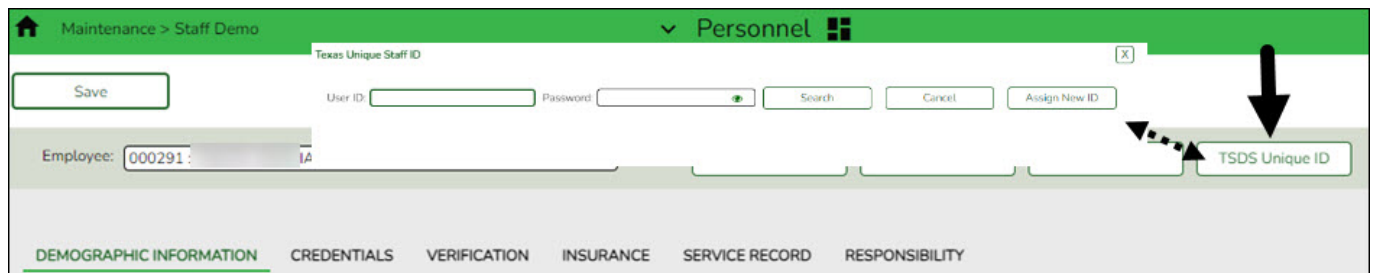
Payroll > Reports > Quarterly/Annual Reports > HRS5100 - W-2 Forms

❑ 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.

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

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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.
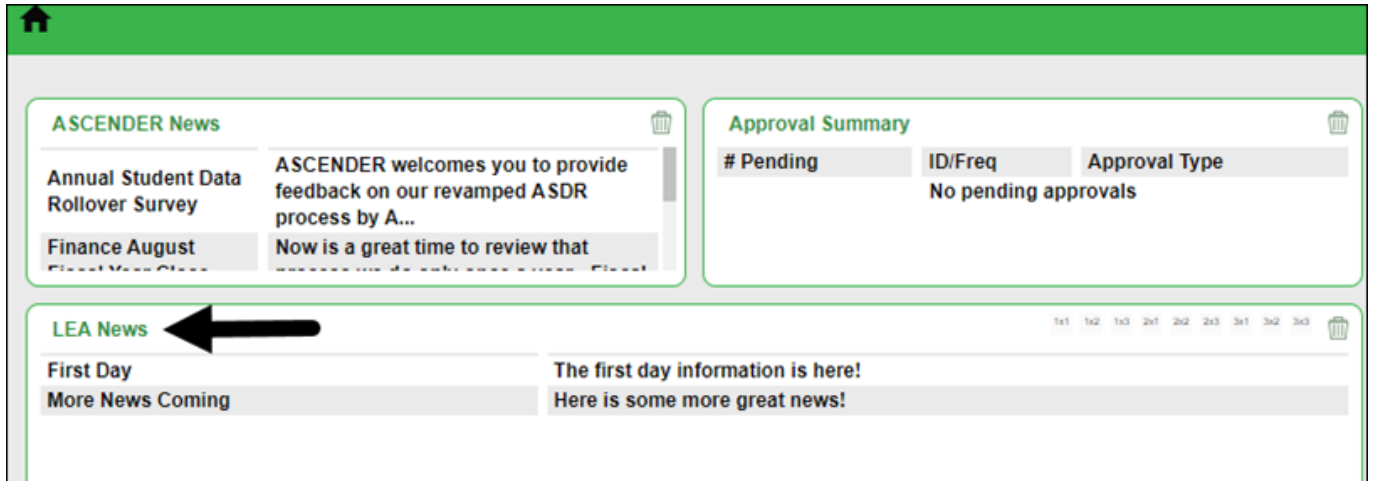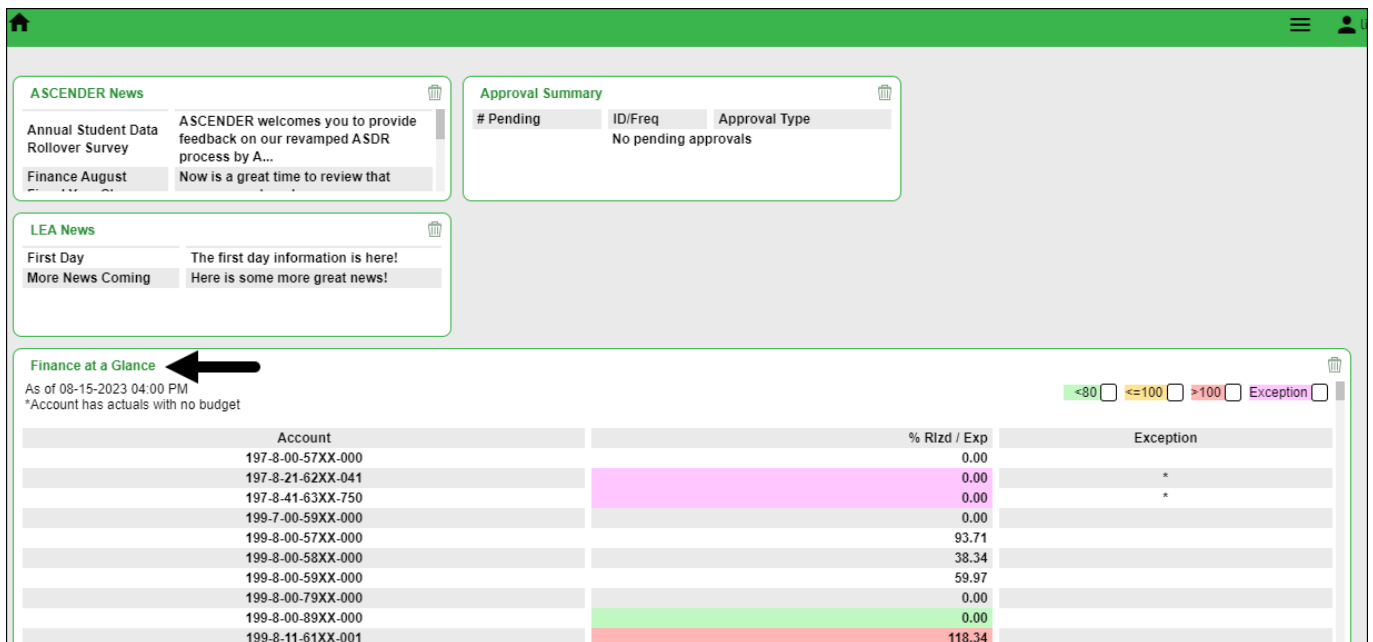
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ASCENDER Homepage

❑ 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.

❑ 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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