



## **ASCENDER Business Release Notes**

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## Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 8

[Update: 8.0600](#)

### 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

**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.

## 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 displays the 'Maintenance > Staff Demo' interface. At the top, there is a green header bar with a home icon, the text 'Maintenance > Staff Demo', a dropdown menu set to 'Personnel', and a window control icon. Below the header, there is a 'Texas Unique Staff ID' section with a 'Save' button, 'User ID' and 'Password' input fields, and 'Search', 'Cancel', and 'Assign New ID' buttons. A 'TSDS Unique ID' button is located on the right side of the interface, with a large black arrow pointing to it from the right. Below the main form area, there is a horizontal tab bar with the following tabs: 'DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION' (which is highlighted with a green underline), 'CREDENTIALS', 'VERIFICATION', 'INSURANCE', 'SERVICE RECORD', and 'RESPONSIBILITY'. The 'Employee' field shows the value '000291'.

## 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

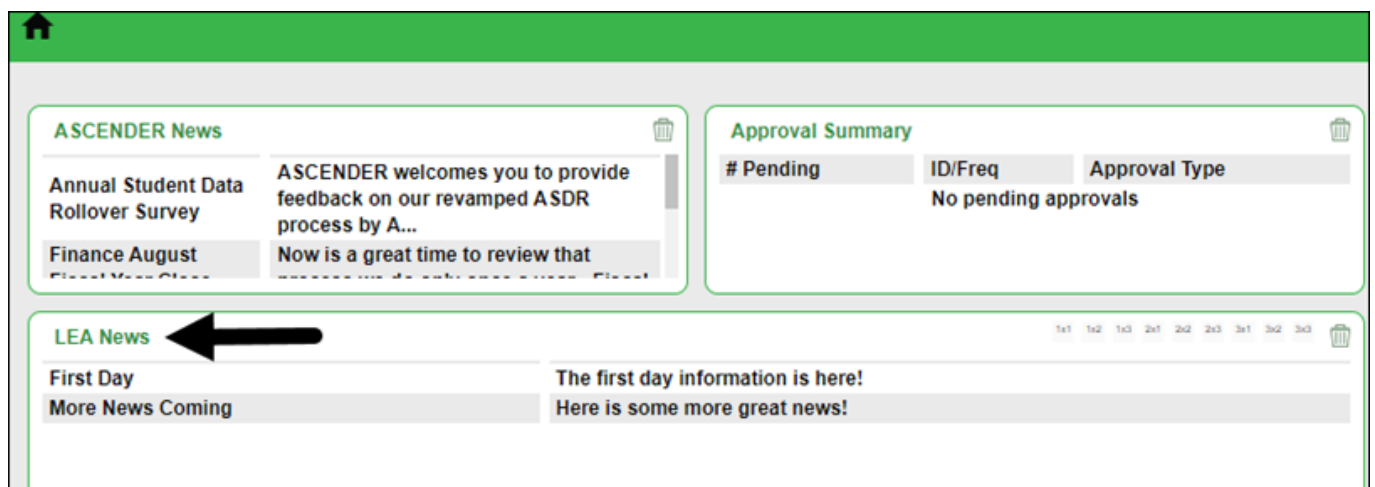
Update: 8.0100

## 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.

**ASCENDER News**

Annual Student Data Rollover Survey  
 Finance August

ASCENDER welcomes you to provide feedback on our revamped ASDR process by A...  
 Now is a great time to review that

**Approval Summary**

# Pending ID/Freq Approval Type  
 No pending approvals

**LEA News**

First Day  
 More News Coming

The first day information is here!  
 Here is some more great news!

**Finance at a Glance** ←

As of 08-15-2023 04:00 PM  
 \*Account has actuals with no budget

Account	% Rlzd / Exp	Exception
197-8-00-57XX-000	0.00	
197-8-21-62XX-041	0.00	*
197-8-41-63XX-750	0.00	*
199-7-00-59XX-000	0.00	
199-8-00-57XX-000	93.71	
199-8-00-58XX-000	38.34	
199-8-00-59XX-000	59.97	
199-8-00-79XX-000	0.00	
199-8-00-89XX-000	0.00	
199-8-11-61XX-001	118.34	

## 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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