ASCENDER Business Release Notes

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> ### ASCENDER Release 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.

Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 8

Update: 8.0900

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> **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

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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

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> **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.

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.

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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.
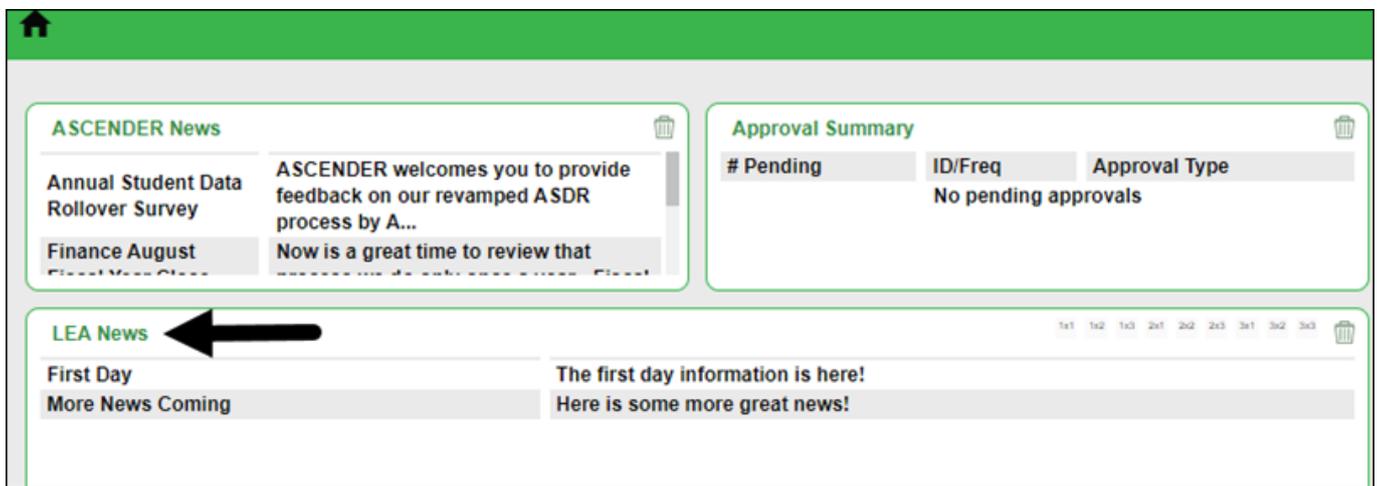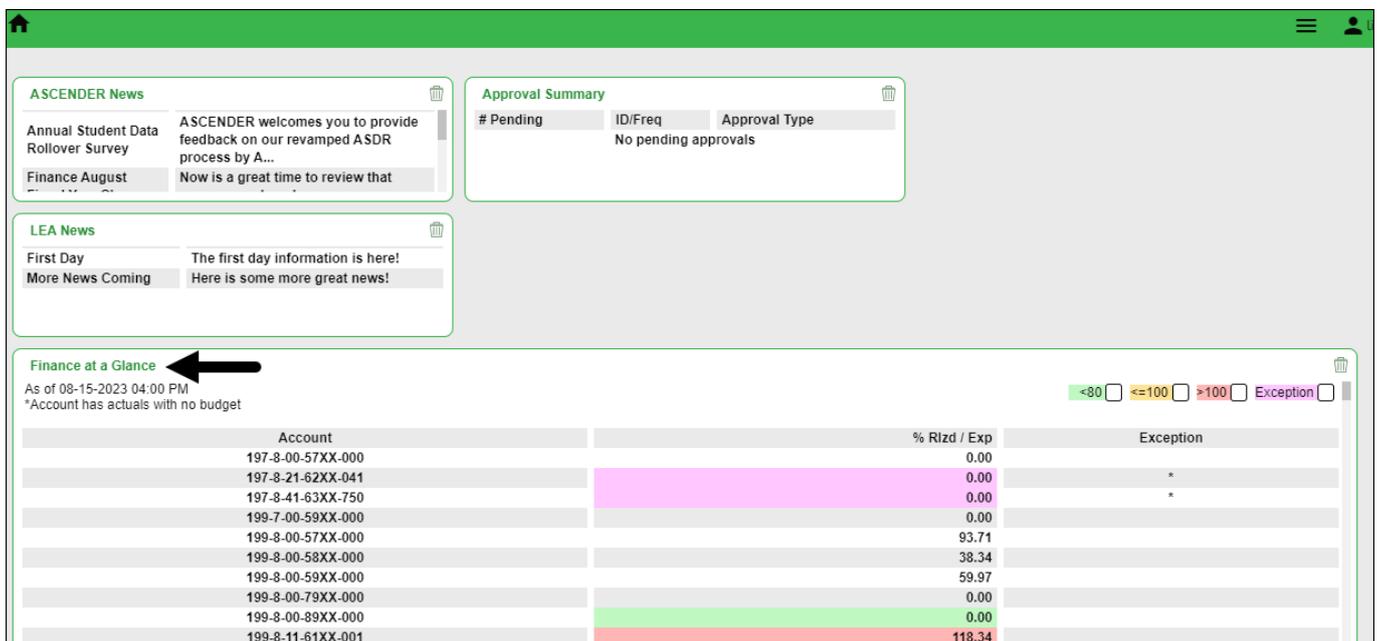
Update: 8.0100

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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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