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ASCENDER 9.0905

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Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Demographic Information

☐ Modified the program to restrict edits to the **Texas Unique Staff ID** field once a value is entered and saved.

NOTE: If the **Texas Unique Staff ID** requires a change, the change must completed using the new **TX Unique ID** group box on the Personnel > Utilities > Change Staff ID/TX Unique ID page.

Personnel > Utilities > Change Staff ID/TX Unique ID

☐ Renamed the menu item from *Personnel > Utilities > Change Staff ID* to *Personnel > Utilities > Change Staff ID/TX Unique ID*.

☐ Added the **Staff ID** group box, which includes the existing **Old Staff ID/SSN** and **Enter New Staff ID/SSN** fields.

☐ Added the **TX Unique ID** group box, which includes the new **Old TX Unique ID** and **Enter New TX Unique ID** fields.

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Finance > Reports > Finance Reports > Journals, Checks, Detail Ledgers > FIN1450 - Detail General Ledger by Acct Per

❑ The following changes were made to improve user experience:

- Modified the program to improve report performance.
- Reordered the report data to display the beginning balance, associated transactions, followed by the ending balance.
- Modified the report to display the account code at the top of a page when the account code is a continuation from the prior page.

ASCENDER 9.0815

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Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Credentials

❑ Corrected an issue that prevented more than one TIA designation for a teacher from being extracted to the TSDS JSON file even though the teacher had multiple designations and multiple designations are allowed.

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Purchasing > Reports > Purchase Order Reports > REQ1450 - Print Purchase Orders and REQ1500 - Reprint Purchase Orders

Warehouse > Reports > Warehouse Reports > BWH1450 - Print Purchase Order Form and BWH1500 - Reprint Purchase Order Form

❏ Implemented system changes to improve performance issues when printing/re-printing purchase orders in Purchasing and Warehouse.

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Personnel > Utilities > Mass Delete

❏ Modified the program to include the TSDS days employed in the mass deletion process.

EmployeePortal

EmployeePortal > Inquiry > 1095 Information

❏ Corrected 2024 and 2023 1095-C printed forms to accurately correspond with the information displayed within the system.

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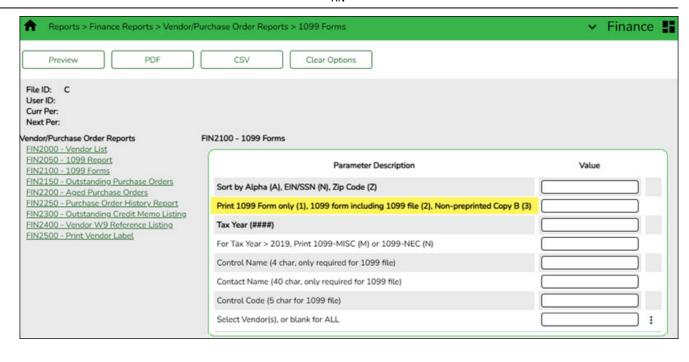**Release Date**: 12/13/2024 **ASCENDER Update**: 9.0400

TSDS Extract

❏ This release includes the execution of a TSDS Payroll extract, which will correct S-type supplements and amounts associated with payroll accounts. Any recent changes to TSDS Payroll data will be included. The Budget extract will run as usual if the current accounting period is 10. If the End-of-Month process for accounting period 10 is complete, the Budget extract will not run but a report will be emailed.

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 2024 tax year.

- The IRS has permanently removed Copy-C (Payer's Record) from the 1099-NEC and 1099-MISC forms. As a result, the **C** option was removed from the FIN2100 - 1099 Forms report parameter **Print 1099 Form only (1), 1099 form including 1099 file (2), Non-preprinted Copy B and C (3)**. Note that when generating the FIN2100 report with option 3 (Copy B), each page displays two Copy B forms, with each form representing a separate vendor.
- In addition, FIN2100 report messages were updated to reflect the electronic threshold reduction: Per IRS, Treasury Decision (TD) 9972 amends the rules for filing returns and other documents electronically (e-file). These regulations reduce the 250-return threshold to generally require electronic filing by filers of 10 or more returns in a calendar year beginning in 2024, tax year 2023.

Payroll > Maintenance > Staff Job/Pay Data > Distributions

❑ Corrected the issue that caused S-type extra duty pay codes to extract with a zero dollar amount in the TSDS Payroll Extract. This caused Payroll fatal error: 30060-0014: If PayrollAmount is 0, then PayrollActivity must be "78".

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 2024 tax year.

Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Responsibility

❑ Modified the program to include the **# of Students** in the StaffEducationOrganizationAssignmentAssociation extract, staging table, and API.

Personnel > Utilities > Mass Delete

❑ Modified the program to include the TSDS days employed in the mass deletion process.

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 2024 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 2024 tax year.

Warehouse

❑ Modified the program to shorten the table descriptions of Warehouse and Restock to WHSE and RSTK. The following processes were affected:

- Utilities > Mass Delete Requisition Records
- Utilities > Mass Reverse Pending Requisitions
- Maintenance > Create/Modify Warehouse Requisitions
- Maintenance > Approve Warehouse Requisitions
- Maintenance > Fill Back Orders

EmployeePortal

EmployeePortal > Inquiry > W-2 Information

❑ Per IRS requirements, updated the W-2 form/instructions and all W-2 functionality to support the 2024 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 2024 tax year.

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Payroll > Maintenance > Approve CIP Transaction

☐ Corrected the issue that caused the following SQL error to occur when trying to approve CIP transactions: *SQL Anywhere Error 274: Procedure or trigger calls have nested too deeply*.

Personnel > Maintenance > TSDS Days Employed Set

☐ Added a new page to keep a record of the number of days an employee has been employed for TSDS reporting purposes and manage begin/end dates if corrections are necessary. Each record displays the percent of day employed, the TSDS number of days employed, the begin and end dates, a date timestamp indicating when the record was created, and the module within the system where the update originated.

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Payroll > Maintenance > Approve CIP Transaction

❑ Modified Personnel extracts to properly report TSDS data. The Change in Position (CIP) process will now evaluate whether TSDS number of days employed records need to be updated with an end date or inserted with begin dates.

This fix also corrects the previously known issue in 9.0200. When a CIP was approved, the system was erroneously doubling the **Percent Day Employed** value.

Personnel > Maintenance > Employment Info

❑ Modified the calculation for the **Pct Day Employed Effective Date** field. The previous calculation, End Date = Effective Date - 1, has been replaced with End Date = Effective Date. This aligns the End Date with the Effective Date .

Personnel > Utilities > Mass Delete

❑ Modified the program to include the TSDS days employed in the mass deletion process.

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Business Known Issues

TSDS Extracts

The Business Fall extracts (Budget and Payroll) were modified to run in alignment with the TSDS schedule. Extracts will now run from the beginning of the fiscal year until the day after accounting period 10 closes. As a result the following changes were implemented:

❑ Added the **Extract TSDS** column to the Business Finance Options database table. Values are:

- 0 - Do not extract when the general ledger file ID = C and the current accounting period is greater than 10 or less than the starting accounting period.
- 1 - (Default for new year) - Extract when the general ledger file ID = C and the current

accounting period is less than 10 and greater than the starting accounting period.
- 2 - Extract when the general ledger file ID = C and the current accounting period = 11.
- 3 - Last extract (one day after period 10 is closed)
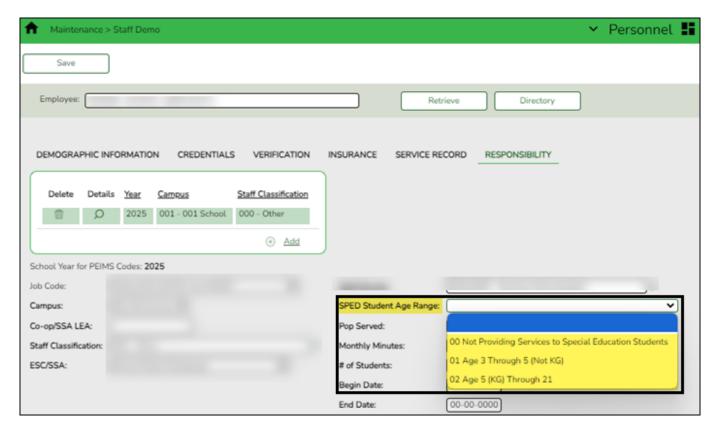- 4 - Last report (two days after period 10 is closed)

The **Extract TSDS** column status is updated when the following processes are run:

- **Finance > Utilities > Move Current to New File ID**
- **Finance > Utilities > End of Month Closing** - A message is displayed indicating that Accounting Period 10 has been closed and the TSDS Budget and Payroll extracts will be paused until the Fiscal Year Close process is done.
- **Finance > Utilities > Fiscal Year Close**

❏ Modified the nightly stored procedure in District Administration to include and update the TSDS number of days employed, which includes either updating existing records with end dates or inserting new records with begin dates.
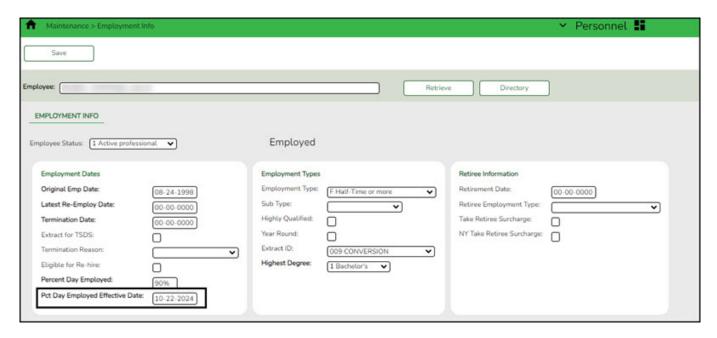

Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Responsibility

❏ Per TSDS requirements, the following changes were made to the tab:

- Removed the **Grade Level** column and field.
- Added the **SPED Student Age Range** field to select the code indicating the age range of Special Education students supported by the teacher or paraprofessional staff member. This data will also be included in the Personnel > Utilities > Mass Update > Responsibility process.
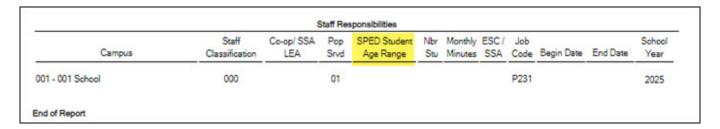
Personnel > Maintenance > Employment Info

☐ Added the **Pct Day Employed Effective Date** field to the **Employment Dates** section. This field only applies to employees with an **Employee Status** of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or A, and is only enabled when the **Percent Day Employed** is changed. If the **Percent Day Employed** is changed, the **Pct Day Employed Effective Date** is required.

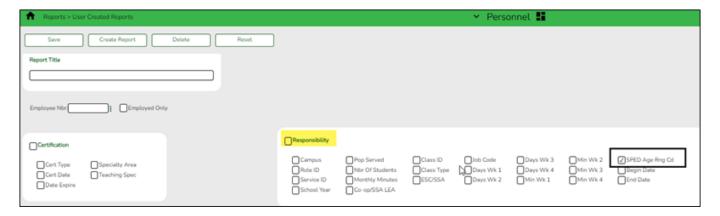## Personnel & Payroll > Reports > Personnel Reports > HRS1250 - Employee Data Listing

☐ Per TSDS requirements, the following changes were made to the **Staff Responsibilities** section of the report:

- Removed the **Grade Level** column.
- Added the **SPED Student Age Range** column.

Personnel & Payroll > Reports > User Created Reports

❏ Per TSDS requirements, the following changes were made to the **Responsibility** section of the report parameters:

- Removed the **Grade Level** checkbox.
- Added the **SPED Age Rng Cd** checkbox.

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Personnel > Utilities > Mass Update > Responsibility

❏ Corrected the issue that prevented the process from generating 2025 responsibility records as intended on the Personnel > Maintenance > Staff Demo > Responsibility tab.

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