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ASCENDER Student Release Notes - ASCENDER 5.0

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ASCENDER 5.0.0610

Release Date: 8/25/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 5.0.0223

Dashboard - Online Registration

Updated the program open the correct Pending Approvals page (Registration > Maintenance > Online Registration > Pending Updates) for the campus.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Teacher Options > Campus > Teacher Profile Tab

Corrected an issue where the teacher was not showing as locked when they have had too many unsuccessful login attempts. It is showing them as Active.

Health > Reports > Health Reports > Immunizations

Modified the SHS0102 - Immunization Due Report to disable the **Preview** button.

Health > Reports > Health Reports > Student

Modified SHS0835 - Communicable Diseases Report to add code CV as a valid code for **Disease Code (Blank for All)**.

Registration > Maintenance > Campus Profile > Campus Programs

Updated the Expanded Learning (ELO) tab to display the correct data in the **Activity Code** field.

Registration > Maintenance > Online Registration > New Student Enrollment

Updated the program to correctly zero-pad and allow only numeric student IDs. This is only pertinent to LEAs who have the **Auto Assign Student ID** field deselected on the Registration > Maintenance > District Profile > District Maintenance > Control Info tab.

Registration > Utilities > Texas Unique ID Processing

Updated UID Enrollment utility to correctly generate one record for students who are still enrolled in the school. Previously the utility was generating two records, entry and withdrawal, with entry and exit dates the same.

Scheduling > Reports > Scheduling Reports > Post-Load

Modified the SCH0010 - Students Without a Schedule report to disable the **Preview** button.



ASCENDER ParentPortal

Release Date: 8/25/21

ASCENDER Update: 5.0.0223 **ASCENDER ParentPortal Update:** 5.0.9.5

Admin

Form Group Management > Returning Student Registration

Updated the program to correctly show saved Custom Forms.

Admin & Parent

Form Management > Form Creator (Admin) Parent Contact Form (Parent)

Updated the Dynamic Forms > Contact form to correctly hide fields when the **Visible** option is not selected. The information on the Parent Contact Form displays correctly for the selected parent.



ASCENDER TeacherPortal

Release Date: 8/25/21

ASCENDER Update: 5.0.0223 **ASCENDER TeacherPortal Update:** 5.1.1.13

Grades > Assignment Grades

- Corrected the **Print** issue that caused missing and misaligned data on the report.
 - Modified the program to add pagination.
 - Modified the program to remove the inner scroll bars and improve page responsiveness.
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Grades > Cycle Grades

- Corrected an issue that was causing **Save** to malfunction when attempting to save Report Card Comments and Report Card Narratives.
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Reports > Student Notes

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- Corrected an issue in the **Student Course Notes** section of **Notes Selection Options** to enable drop-down menu options for **Note Category** and **Notes Created By**.

 - Corrected an issue to ensure that when running multiple reports and “Page break between courses” is unchecked, the user sees each note type starting on a separate page and each course consecutively with no page breaks.

 - Corrected an issue to ensure that when running multiple reports and “Page break between courses” is checked, the user sees each note type starting on a separate page and each course within each note type starting on a new page.
- The page is designed to filter by Course-Section if a course-section is selected.
- Corrected an issue where notes for ALL courses were produced when a single Course-Section was selected.

 - Corrected an issue when **Course Note** report is NOT selected, the report prints a blank first page.

 - Corrected an issue so that the **IPR Notes** report prints the last name, first name and student ID above the comments for each student.
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Admin > Elementary Report Cards > Elementary Skills-Based Courses

- Updated the program to correctly save Report Card Type when you click **Save**.
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Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 5.0

Update: [5.0.0222](#)

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Release Date: 8/16/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 5.0.0222

- Corrected an issue on the Dashboard that was preventing # **Pending** entries for **Online Registration** and **New Student Enrollment** from updating.

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- Changed the report preview PDF and CSV icons to improve readability.
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Attendance > Maintenance > Student > Student Inquiry
Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment
Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Student > Individual Maint

- Optimized the program to help speed up the retrieval time for queries.
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Attendance > Maintenance > Campus > Campus Calendar

- Removed **School Day Event** option from *Day Type Selection* for SY 2021-2022.
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Attendance > Reports > Attendance Reports > All

- Modified the program to allow reports to be accessible for a prior school year.
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Attendance > Reports > Attendance Reports > Audit

- Report *SAT3001 ADSY Campus/District Summary* was created and added to the Audit Report Group.
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Grade Reporting > Maintenance > TeacherPortal Options > Campus

- Removed the **Standard-Based Grading** section from the page.
 - Corrected an issue that was preventing teachers from being able to post students active or inactive on the first day of school for the ADA period.
 - Removed the default *Bestview ISD* generic logo from the Home screen.
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Grade Reporting > Reports > Grade Reporting Reports > Grades Report Group

Modified the SGR2010 - Numeric Honor Roll report so an error message will display at the bottom of the page when Honor Roll Cutoff Levels are set and no students meet the criteria.

Graduation Plan > Maintenance > District > Tables

Expanded the **IBC Exam Fee** field on the Credentials or Certification tab to allow values for decimals and cents.

Graduation Plan > Maintenance > Student > Individual Maintenance

Expanded the **Exam Fee** and **Vendor** fields on the PGP tab to allow values for decimals and cents if needed.

Corrected alignment issues on **PGP** for the *Industry Credentials or Certification, Accelerated Learning Plan* and *Monitor Plan* sections.

Health > Maintenance > Student Health

Optimized the program to help speed up the retrieval time for queries.

Registration > Maintenance > Campus Profile > Campus Programs

Deleted options for **Rigorous Coursework, Mentoring, Tutoring, Physical Activity, Academic Support,** and **Educational Enrichment.**

Added an **Activity Code** field with a drop-down menu to include **Rigorous Coursework, Mentoring, Tutoring, Physical Activity, Academic Support,** and **Educational Enrichment.**

Added a **Days/Year** field accepting values of 1 - 210.

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment

Modified program code to fix an autosuggest issue at the **LastName, FirstName,** and **StUID** fields on the Historical Directory. The code is also modified to return records correctly on UID search.

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Demo3

- Expanded the **IBC Exam Fee** field on the Credentials or Certification tab to allow values for decimals and cents.
 - Renamed data elements in the *Career Technology* section. **Displaced Homemaker** is now **Out of Wkforce Individual** and **Single Parent/Pregnant Teen** is now **Sgl Parent Sgl Preg Woman**.
 - Modified the Graduation section to fix an auto populate issue with **Exam Fee** field.
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Registration > Maintenance > Online Registration > New Student Enrollment

- Modified the program to speed up the time it takes to auto-assign a new Student ID after the user selects **Save**.
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Registration > Maintenance > Spec Ed Lang Acq

- Modified the **Entry Date** field to allow a prior year date that will be reported as the Eligibility-Date for the SELA Submission, *StudentParent Interchange*.

- Added Validation Rule

- 41163-0072 (Fatal) - If LANG-ACQ-SERVICES-PROVIDED is **Direct** or **Indirect/Consultative**, then FREQUENCY-OF-SERVICES and HOURS-SPENT-RECEIVING-SERVICES must be reported.

- Updated Validation Rules

- 40100-0204 - If age is less than 9 on September 1, and DISABILITY is **Deaf-Blindness (Deaf-Blind)** or **Hearing/Auditory Impairment (Auditory Impairment)**, then there must be a Special Education program association reported with a matching TX-UNIQUE-STUDENT-ID, including INSTRUCTIONAL-SETTING-CODE, LANG-ACQ-SERVICES-PROVIDED, and PREFERRED-HOME-COMMUNICATION-METHOD.
 - 41163-0062 (Fatal) - If LANG-ACQ-SERVICES-PROVIDED is **Services not Provided**, then FREQUENCY-OF-SERVICES and HOURS-SPENT-RECEIVING-SERVICES must not be reported.

- Deleted Validation Rules

- 41163-0054 (Fatal) - If LANG-ACQ-SERVICES-PROVIDED is not blank, then FREQUENCY-OF-SERVICES and HOURS-SPENT-RECEIVING-SERVICES must not be blank.
 - 41163-0063 (Fatal) - If FREQUENCY-OF-SERVICES is **None**, then LANG-ACQ-SERVICES-PROVIDED

must be **Services not Provided** and HOURS-SPENT-RECEIVING-SERVICES must be **0 Hours**.

- 41163-0064 (Fatal) - If HOURS-SPENT-RECEIVING-SERVICES is **0 Hours**, then LANG-ACQ-SERVICES-PROVIDED must be **Services not Provided** and FREQUENCY-OF-SERVICES must be **None**.
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Registration > Utilities > Reverse Scheduling Transfer > Sending Campus Registration > Utilities > Reverse Scheduling Transfer > Receiving Campus

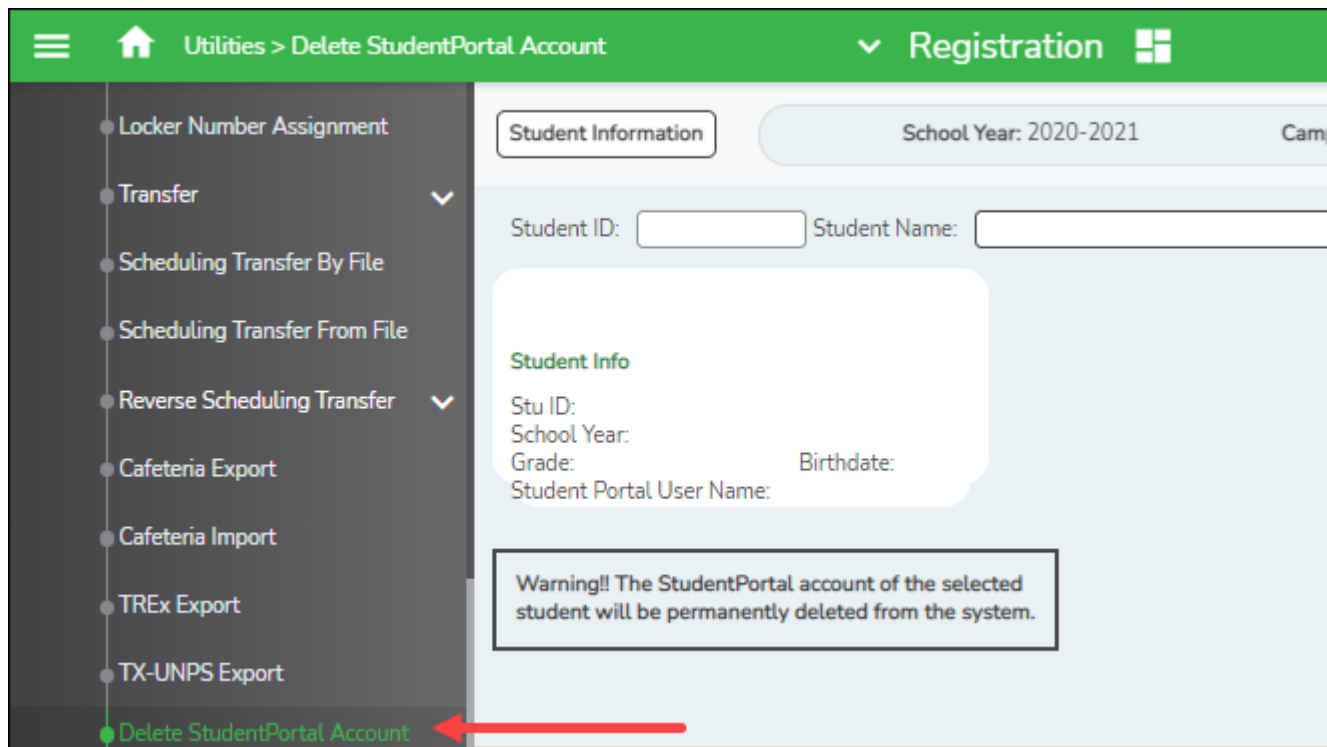
Modified the program to display a *Select students* message when no students are selected and the user clicks the **Start** button.

Registration > Utilities > Texas Unique Student ID Processing

Modified logic in the **UID Enrollment** export to put the first membership date greater than or equal to 08/01/xxxx (begin school year) in field ENTRY-EXIT-DATE when the first day of school is before 08/01 of the current school year.

Registration > Utilities > Delete StudentPortal Account

- Added a new utility within the Registration application.
- Added a new sub-menu, **Delete StudentPortal Account**.



Registration > Reports > Registration Reports

Modified reports SRG0400 and SRG0600 to update CTE data element names.

SRG0400 - Student Information Sheets

- **Displaced Homemaker** field is updated to **Out of Wkforce Individual**
- **Single Parent/Pregnant Teen** field is updated to **Sgl Parent/Sgl Preg Woman**

SRG0600 - Student Special Program Listing

- **Displ Hmk** column is updated to **OOWk Indv**
- **Sngl Par** column is updated to **Sngl Par Prg Wmn**

Corrected program coding on the SRG0720 - Online Registration Forms Related Reports that was preventing students with Special Ed services from displaying.

Corrected an the error that was occasionally generated when running report SRG0700 - Student Missing Forms.

Registration > Reports > Create Registration Report

Renamed data elements in the *Career Technology* section on Demo3. **Displaced Homemaker** is now **Out of Wkforce Individual** and **Single Parent/Pregnant Teen** is now **Sgl Parent Sgl Preg Woman**.

Demo3
 Career Technology
 Day Care CTE Support Service Sgl Parent/Sgl Preg Woman Transport CTE Support Service Career and Technology Ind
 Out of Wkforce Individual



ASCENDER ParentPortal

Release Date: 8/16/21

ASCENDER Update: 5.0.0222 **ASCENDER ParentPortal Update:** 5.0.8.6

- Corrected the Left Navigation icon (hamburger icon) color issue so it will remain the same color when it is open and collapsed.
- System changes were made to improve ParentPortal performance issues when loading forms.

Form Group Management > New Student Enrollment

- Corrected an issue on the *History of School Attendance - Secondary* form that prevented it from retaining information when enrolling a new student to the district.

Form Group Management > Form Settings

- Corrected an issue on **Student Data Maintenance** that prevented dynamic forms that are added to a group from being uploaded.



ASCENDER TeacherPortal

Release Date: 8/16/21

ASCENDER Update: 5.0.0222 **ASCENDER TeacherPortal Update:** 5.1.0.87

Removed Remote Synchronous (RS) and Remote Asynchronous (RA) from TeacherPortal Attendance menus.

Corrected custom sort issues on the following pages:

- Grades > Assignment Grades
- Grades > Cycle Grades
- Grades > IPR Comments
- Grades > Print IPR
- Reports > Assignment Grades
- Reports > Class Roster

Attendance > Post/View Attendance

Modified the program to disable the **Absent** button so that teachers cannot mark a student absent on their first day of enrollment.

Corrected an issue where some students are showing duplicate absences in the **Attendance** section of the Student Information page when the student has a fractured schedule and does not meet Monday through Friday.

Modified the program to disable the top and bottom **PIN** field and **Post** button, once the attendance is posted.

Corrected an issue for students on multiple tracks with different start dates that caused students to not display in posted attendance.

Grades > Assignment Grades

- Modified the program to add assignment sorting by Due Date.

- Modified the program so admin users with *read-only* access cannot modify grades or post attendance.

- Corrected an issue with the session timeout function freezing the page. **Session timeout** will now return the user to the log in page.

- Corrected an issue where imported grades were not saving.

- Modified the import message to the following:

Assignment grades import complete.
Click OK to continue.
Enter PIN and click Save to update.

- Corrected an issue in the program when accepting a transferred student where clicking the **T** will not keep the assignments as *Excluded* after PIN and Save.
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Grades > Cycle Grades

- Corrected an issue where letter grades in the **Override** column did not save when a user enters PIN and Save.

 - Corrected an issue where the Auto Grade was not showing in parentheses.
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Grades > IPR Comments

- Corrected an issue that prevented comments from being added when the teacher has Group selected for **Course-Section**.
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Reports > Cycle Grade Range

- Corrected an issue that was causing the Cycle Grade Range Report to generate for all grades even though only one grade was specified.
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Reports > Class Roster

- Modified the program so column widths are the same when printing the Class Roster Report.
 - Corrected an issue when teachers have courses grouped together and select Course-Section in **Sorting Options**, that the courses are sorting in the incorrect order.
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Reports > Student Grades Report (and UIL Eligibility)

- Corrected an issue when a teacher runs the report using **All** for Course-Section.
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Reports > Student Notes

- Corrected an issue in the program causing the page break to fail between the **Student Assignment Note Report** section and the **Course Assignment Note Report** section when both note types were selected in **Note Selection Options**.
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Admin > Set Up Standards-Based Courses

- Modified the program to add a *check-all* check box next to **Usage Indicator** to allow the user to select all courses at once instead of one at a time.
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Admin > Elementary Report Cards Grades > Elementary Report Cards

- Modified the program to disable **PIN** and **Save** fields for users with *read-only* access.

[Update: 5.0.0221](#)

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Release Date: 8/6/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 5.0.0221

Grade Reporting

- Changed the report preview PDF and CSV icons to improve readability.
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ASCENDER TeacherPortal

Release Date: 8/6/21

ASCENDER Update: 5.0.0221 **ASCENDER TeacherPortal Update:** 5.1.0.83

- Corrected an issue that was preventing teachers from being able to post students active or inactive on the first day of school for the ADA period.

- Removed the default *Bestview ISD* generic logo from the Home screen.
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- Removed Remote Synchronous (RS) and Remote Asynchronous (RA) from TeacherPortal Attendance menus.

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Modified the import message to the following:

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Admin > Elementary Report Cards Grades > Elementary Report Cards

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- Modified the program to disable **PIN** and **Save** fields for users with *read-only* access.

Update: [5.0.0220](#)

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Release Date: 7/27/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 5.0.0220

Attendance > Maintenance > Student > Student Inquiry > Cumulative

- Corrected the Cumulative Absences Report to include all historical attendance records.
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Registration > Maintenance > Online Registration > New Student Enrollment

- Corrected an issue occurring during online registration that caused the program to assign the same ID number to multiple students. The program was modified to add duplicate ID checks.
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Registration > Utilities > TReX Export > Directory

- Corrected an issue when creating a transcript for a prior year student.
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ASCENDER TeacherPortal

Release Date: 7/27/21

ASCENDER Update: 5.0.0220 **ASCENDER TeacherPortal Update:** 5.0.9.52

- Corrected several pages within the program that had caching issues.
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Attendance > Post/View Attendance

Corrected an issue in the program where Attendance messages were not clearing after users changed period, semester or date.

Grades > Assignment Grades

Modified the program to allow values from 0 to 100 to be entered in the **Weight** field when transferring a student. User will not be able to enter values greater than 100.

Corrected an issue in the program that was causing a system error if a category name was not assigned in **Course-Section**.

Additionally, the error message has been updated to ***A category was not found for an assignment. Go to Manage Assignments to review category selections and save assignments.***

Grades > Cycle Grades

Modified the program so the warning message ***Exam Grades are missing*** is given when there are no values in the **Exam** column and the user chooses **Ready to Post** for a course-section then saves.

Modified the program so the **Save** button on the page functions like the **Save** button on *Grades > Assignment Grades*.

Grades > Assignment Grades

Grades > Cycle Grades

Modified the program so Grades > Cycle Grades and Grades > Assignment Grades will function the same.

Grades > Assignment Grades

Settings > Manage Assignments

Corrected an issue that caused **Calculate Averages** to function inconsistently on Grades > Assignments Grades when a new assignment was added on Settings > Manage Assignments.

Grades > Print IPR by Average

Corrected an issue in the program that was causing some teachers to receive an error message when trying to print reports by average.

Reports > Admin Reports > Semester Grade Range

Corrected an issue with logic that caused some students to be duplicated when generating the Cycle Grade Range Report.

Reports > Student Notes

Added the following headers to the Student Assignment Note Report:

- Student ID number
 - Student name format as Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial
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Settings > Arrange Student Order

Modified the program to enable the **Arrange Student Order** page. This option is not visible when logged in as an administrator.

Settings > Manage Course Groups

Corrected an issue with **Save** button.

Added the default message to Course Group Detail **Group: Please select or create a course group.**

Settings > Manage Seating Charts

Corrected an issue that was causing the student seating chart random order functionality to fail when *Random* is chosen in the **Layout Options** field.

Settings > Manage Student Groups > Copy Student Groups

Modified the program to revise the error message received when copying student groups from one teacher to another and some teachers are not registered. The message has changed to **No User Name found for selected Teacher. Valid TeacherPortal login is required.**

Admin > Admin - Student Grades

Corrected a printing issue that caused attendance records from the Student Information page to print only the current semester even when the previous semester is displayed on the screen.

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