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ASCENDER Release 5.0

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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.

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

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.

Attendance > Maintenance > Campus > Campus Calendar

Removed **School Day Event** option from *Day Type Selection* for SY 2021-2022.

Attendance > Reports > Attendance Reports > All

Modified the program to allow reports to be accessible for a prior school year.

Attendance > Reports > Attendance Reports > Audit

Report *SAT3001 ADSY Campus/District Summary* was created and added to the Audit Report Group.

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.
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Graduation Plan > Maintenance > District > Tables

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

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

Registration > Utilities > Reverse Scheduling Transfer > Sending Campus Registration > Utilities > Reverse Scheduling Transfer > Receiving Campus

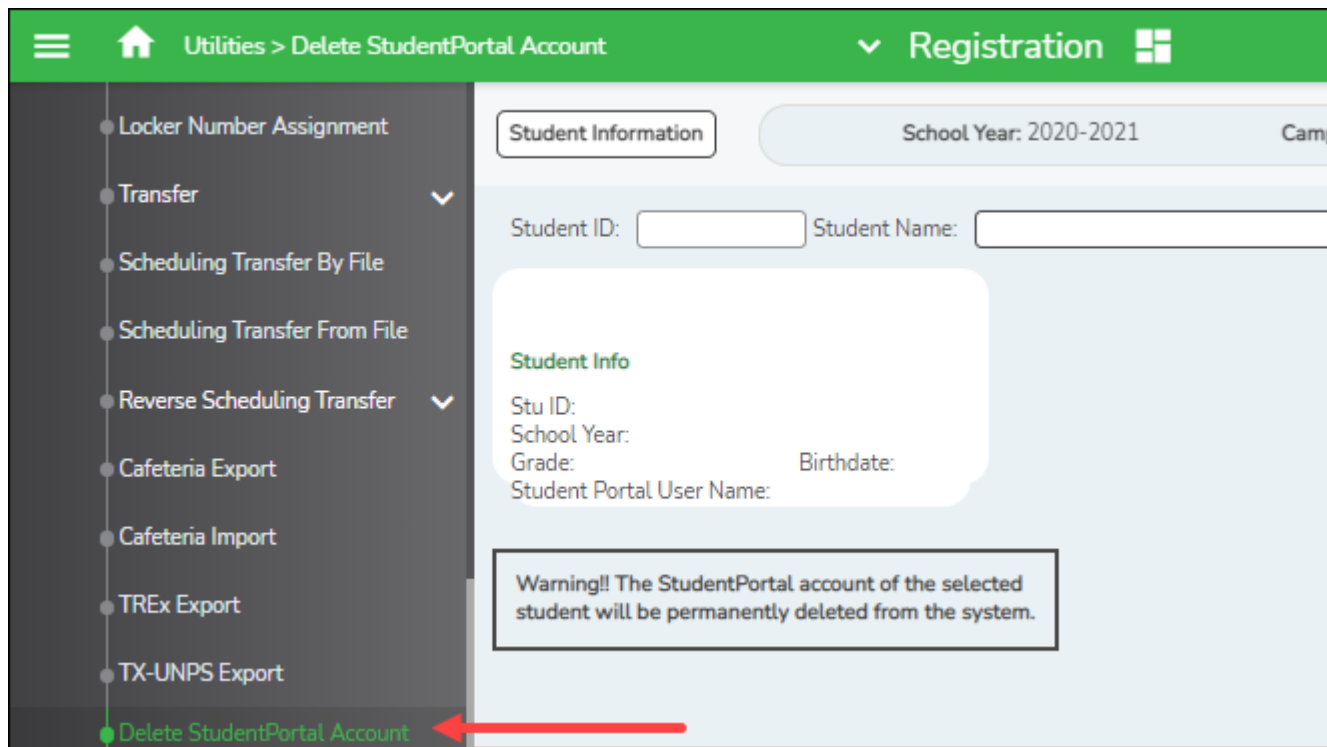
- Modified the program to display a *Select students* message when no students are selected and the user clicks the **Start** button.

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

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- 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

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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.

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.

Grades > IPR Comments

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

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.

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.
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Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 5.0

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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.



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.

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

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

- Corrected the **Print** issue that caused missing and misaligned data on the report.

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.
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not keep the assignments as *Excluded* after PIN and Save.

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Admin > Elementary Report Cards Grades > Elementary Report Cards

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[Update ASCENDER 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.
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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*.
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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

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- Corrected an issue with **Save** button.
 - Added the default message to Course Group Detail **Group: Please select or create a course group.**
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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.
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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.**
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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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