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ASCENDER Release 6

ASCENDER 6.0600

Release Date: 2/4/22 **ASCENDER Update:** 6.0600

Updated color contrast for ease of readability to the following:

- Attendance
- Discipline
- Grade Reporting
- Graduation Plan
- Health
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Discipline > Reports > Discipline > SDS1300 - Discipline Audit Report (PEIMS Edits)

Modified the program to update the report header with the TSDS Edit Number (44425-XXXX) instead of the Legacy Edit Number.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Student > Individual Maint > Crs Assign

Modified the program to correct an issue preventing withdrawn course sections from being displayed for Semester 3 and 4 when **Include All WD Courses** for a individual student is selected.

Registration > Maintenance > District Profile > Attendance Zones > CY/NY Attendance Zones

Corrected the utility on Attendance Zones to enable the user in one step to delete a campus and add a campus with overlapping grades.

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment

- Modified **Demo1** to deliver a correct message when an address outside the campus or district Attendance Zones is entered.
 - Modified the **Att Zone Home Campus** field on **Demo2** to automatically update with the student's Home Campus when they are attending a campus outside their Attendance Zone.
 - Corrected an issue on **Demo3** so users are able to successfully add Foundation High School Program credentials to a student record in the **Graduation** section.
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Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Contact

Corrected the program so the **Guardian Verified** checkbox will set the ParentPortal account email as verified, allowing users with verified accounts the ability to use all features of the application.

Registration > Reports > Registration Reports > Student Report Group

- Modified the following on the **SRG2600 - Attendance Zones Invalid Addresses** report:
 - Corrected programming so information in the **O/E/B** column will only appear once.
 - Changed **Trans Fact** to **Xfer Fact**
 - Changed **Valid** to **Valid Campus**
 - **Valid Campus** will display the valid Home Campus based on the students Attendance Zone and grade. The Home Campus is the campus for the student before the Xfer Fact would have been saved to the student's record. The information is populated from Demo 2, Att Zone Home Campus. If the Valid Campus is blank, the student is out of district.
 - Added validations to the **Active Code** field on the SRG2600 report parameters screen to only allow "1", "2", or "blank".
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Registration > Utilities > Set NY Campus

Modified the utility to add an **Use Att Zones NY** checkbox to allow campuses to set the **NY Campus** in Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Demo 1, based on the campus assigned to the student in the Attendance Zone directory and their **Year End Status** in Registration

> Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Demo 3. Selecting **Use Att Zones NY** disables the NY Campus drop-down. Clearing the **NY Campus** drop-down, enables **Use Att Zones NY**. **Use Att Zones NY** does not appear for districts that have not enabled the Attendance Zones feature in Registration > Maintenance > District Profile > District Maintenance > Attendance Zones Options.

Upon execution, this utility will provide a report of the students who successfully got a **NY Campus** assigned and an **Errors** report of the students that did not get a **NY Campus** assigned.

- Students with **Year End Status** of 02, 10, and 15 will get a **NY Campus** assigned that is their Home Campus if the student address is in the Attendance Zones directory. Their Home Campus may differ from their current campus if they are not currently attending their Home Campus. Otherwise, the student will appear on the **Errors** report with the message **AZ Address Not Found**. In that case, these students are Out of District.

- Students with **Year End Status** of 01, 03, 04, 06, 11, and 14 will get a **NY Campus** assigned that has the grade level that they are progressing to if the student address is in the Attendance Zones directory. Otherwise, the students will appear on the **Errors** report with a message **AZ Address Not Found**.

- Students with a **Year End Status** of 12, 13, 21, 22, and 23 will not get a **NY Campus** assigned. The students will appear on the **Errors** report with a message **Unable to Identify NYC**.

- Students in EE and 12 grades with a **Year End Status** of 01 will not get a **NY Campus** assigned. The students will appear on the **Errors** report with a message **Non Promotional Grade** • Students with a blank **Year End Status** will not get a **NY Campus** assigned. The students will appear on the **Errors** report with a message **Missing Year End Status**.

This utility is run in preparation for “transferring” students to their **NY Campus** for scheduling purposes.



ASCENDER ParentPortal

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ParentPortal > Charter School Application Form

Modified the program to remove 2020-2021 from and add 2022-2023 to the Charter Student Admission Application **School Year** drop-down menu.

ParentPortal > Navigation > Summary > Report Card

Corrected an issue so users are able to see secondary report cards on a mobile phone.

ParentPortal > Navigation > Summary > Skills Based Report Card

Corrected an issue to ensure that skills-based report cards continue to be available and viewable after the campus changes to the future cycle.

ParentPortal Admin > Form Management > Form Creator > Dynamic Forms > Contacts

Corrected an issue when enrolling a new student and selecting a primary contact that caused a *Required* message to remain for that field after clicking **Save** and **Continue**.

ParentPortal Admin > Form Management > Form Creator > Dynamic Forms > New Student Enrollment

Modified the program so instruction notes from the **Form Instructions** field display on the New Student Enrollment page, Step 4-Student Information, in ParentPortal.

Added field order functionality to the New Student Enrollment form in ParentPortal Admin so the field order changes are reflected in ParentPortal.

ParentPortal Admin > Form Management > Form Creator > Dynamic Forms > Registration

Corrected the program in Form Creator when setting a field to be non-editable by leaving **Editable** unchecked, results in that field being not editable in Registration.

ParentPortal Admin > Form Group Management > New Student Enrollment

- Corrected an issue that was allowing the Home Language Survey form to be saved without a signature and date.
 - Corrected an issue so the buttons and text information on enrollment standard forms will fully display.
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ParentPortal Admin > Form Group Management > Form Settings

- Corrected an issue so previously entered information on a custom form be will be viewable to parents after they have saved and submitted the form.
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ASCENDER TeacherPortal

Release Date: 2/4/22

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Attendance > Post/View Attendance

- Corrected the program so **Attendance** will reflect the correct semester when track start dates are different.
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Grades > Cycle Grades

- Corrected the program so the **Saved successfully** message does not appear when the user presses Enter on their keyboard to save information. Saving on this screen will be consistent with
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other screens where the user must click Save to save their changes.

Corrected the program so the **Exam** field will use the **Exam** parameters set in Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > Campus Control Options > Ranges & Conversions to determine the lowest and highest exam grades allowed.

Corrected an issue to ensure that Semester Grades for self-paced courses are automatically posted to the **GRD UPDATE** tab on Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Student > Individual Maintenance when saved.

Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 6.0

Update: 6.0425

ASCENDER 6.0425

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Grade Reporting > Utilities > Historical Grd Avg and Class Ranking

Modified the utility to look for in-district courses on the Prior Yr Transfer tab when populating the **School Year** drop-down so that iTCCs-converted databases can use the utility.

iTCCs-converted districts must have verified the data in the verification environment provided to them for the utility to be enabled for their district.



ASCENDER TeacherPortal

Release Date: 1/11/22

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Grades > Cycle Grades

Modified the program to correctly update the semester average and the semester average points of an SBG course when the **Override** cycle grade is changed.

Update: 6.0415

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Grade Reporting > Utilities > Historical Grd Avg and Class Ranking

Modified the utility to look for in-district courses on the Prior Yr Transfer tab when populating the **School Year** drop-down so that iTCCs-converted databases can use the utility.

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Update: 6.0405

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Graduation Plan > Maintenance > District > Graduation Requirements

Corrected the following issues that prevented clients from dragging courses and saving, copying graduation plans, and allowing clients to mark the same course number as default for different subjects:

- Modified the program to populate the list of available graduation plan requirements to copy from

an existing graduation plan when clicking on **Copy Grad Plan**.

- Modified the program to add courses once to **Grad Plan Courses** by double clicking on a course in the **Scheduling District Courses** section or by dragging a course from the **Scheduling District Courses** section to the **Grad Plan Courses** section.
 - Ensure that the same course is not listed as default in more than one tab
 - Ensure that a **Grade Level** is selected for every course in any subject (except Electives)
- Modified the program to save a graduation plan without retrieving a program error.
- Modified the program to delete courses from a graduation plan.

Graduation Plan > Utilities > Grad Plan Assignment > By Group

- Corrected the utility to generate the report when a graduation plan is assigned to the selected group of students.
- Corrected the utility to display a **Save Successful** message.

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- Corrected online Help for **Attendance** and **Special Education**.

Discipline > Maintenance > Tables > District Level > Offense Codes

Modified the program so only numeric characters are allowed to be entered as a code on the **Offense Codes** tab.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > TeacherPortal Options > District > Reading Levels

Corrected an issue so teachers are able to select district-defined reading levels in TeacherPortal > Grades > Cycle Grades > Course-Section if they have been set in Grade Reporting > Maintenance > TeacherPortal Options > District > Reading Levels.

Grade Reporting > Utilities > Historical Grd Avg and Class Ranking

Modified the utility to look for in-district courses on the Prior Yr Transfer tab when populating the **School Year** drop-down so that iTCCs-converted databases can use the utility.

iTCCs-converted districts must have verified the data in the verification environment provided to them for the utility to be enabled for their district.

Grade Reporting > Utilities > ParentPortal Interim Progress Report > Create IPR

Corrected the issue so once IPRs are created and published for a grade level, the IPRs clear on the next run preventing an accumulation of IPRs.

Grade Reporting > Reports > Grade Reporting Reports > Instructors Report Group

Corrected an issue so users are able to print all class periods when generating SGR2500 - Schedule of Classes (Grd Rptng).

Health > Maintenance > Student Health

Corrected an issue in the program that caused the font color to change in the Health application. Now all text on the page will be black.

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 1

DIND: COVID-related Directional Indicators has been added for 2020-2021 CRDC:

DIND-1 - Directional Indicator - Instruction Type

Description: For all schools and justice facilities, preschool-grade 12, ungraded.

DIND-2 - Directional Indicator - Virtual Instruction

Description: For schools and justice facilities that offered virtual instruction only or a hybrid of in-person and virtual instruction.

Made the following changes to SCHR: School Characteristics for 2020-2021 CRDC:

SCHR-2 Ungraded Detail

Updated Questions:

- School had mainly elementary school age students? (about ages 3-10)
- School had mainly middle school age students? (about ages 11-13)
- School had mainly high school age students? (about ages 14 or older)

Removed Questions:

- School has mainly elementary and middle school age students?
 - School has mainly middle and high school age students?
 - School has mainly elementary, middle, and high school age students?
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Made the following changes to PSCH: Preschool Enrollment for 2020-2021 CRDC:

Removed **PSCH-1 - Preschool Age for Non-IDEA Children**

Changed **PSCH-2 - Enrollment of children in preschool programs or services** to **PSCH-1 - Enrollment of children in preschool programs or services**

Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

Made the following changes to ENRL: Enrollment for 2020-2021 CRDC:

ENRL-1

- Changed **ENRL-1 Overall Student Enrollment** to **ENRL-1 Overall Enrollment**
 - Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**
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ENRL-2a-b

- Changed **ENRL-2a-b Enrollment of Limited English Proficient Students** to **ENRL-2a-b Enrollment of English Learner Students - All EL Students**
 - Changed **ENRL-2a Students who are LEP** to **ENRL-2a Students who are EL**
 - Changed **ENRL-2b Students Enrolled in LEP Programs** to **ENRL-2b Students Enrolled in EL Programs**
 - Removed **LEP Students with Disabilities (IDEA)** for schools and justice facilities (preschool-grade 12, UG) reporting greater than zero overall EL student enrollment.
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ENRL-3a-b

- Changed **ENRL-3a-b Enrollment of Students with Disabilities Served Under IDEA and Students with Disabilities Served Under Section 504 Only**
 - Changed **ENRL-3a Students with disabilities served under IDEA** to **ENRL-3a Students with disabilities under IDEA**
 - Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**
 - ENRL-3b Students with disabilities served under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, but not served under IDEA**
 - Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**
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Made the following changes to PENR: Gifted & Talented, Dual Enrollment, and Credit Recovery Programs for 2020-2021 CRDC:

PENR-2

- Changed **PENR-2 Students enrolled in gifted and talented programs**
 - Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**
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PENR-4

- Changed **PENR-4 Students enrolled in at least one Dual Enrollment or Dual Credit Program**
- Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

Removed **PENR-5 Credit Recovery Program** and **PENR-6 Credit Recovery Program Student Participation**

Made the following changes to COUR: Courses & Classes for 2020-2021 CRDC:

COUR-3b Student Enrollment in Algebra I in Grade 8

Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

COUR-4b Students who Passed Algebra I in Grade 8

Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

COUR-6a-b High School Student Enrollment in Algebra I

COUR 6a Students enrolled in Algebra I in grade 9 or 10

Changed **Students enrolled in Algebra I in grade 9 or 10** to **Students enrolled in Algebra I in grade 9 & 10**

Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

COUR-6b Students enrolled in Algebra I in grade 11 or 12 or ungraded

Changed **Students enrolled in Algebra I in grade 11 or 12 or ungraded** to **Students enrolled in Algebra I in grade 11 & 12 or ungraded**

Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

COUR-7a-b High School Students who Passed Algebra I

COUR-7a Students who passed Algebra I in grade 9 or 10

Changed **Students who passed Algebra I in grade 9 or 10** to **Students who passed Algebra I in grade 9 & 10**

Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

COUR-7b Students who passed Algebra I in grade 11 or 12 or ungraded

Changed **Students who passed Algebra I in grade 11 or 12 or ungraded** to **Students who passed Algebra I in grade 11 & 12 or ungraded**

Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

COUR-9a-d Student Enrollment in Mathematics Courses in High School

Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

COUR-11a-c Student Enrollment in Science Courses

Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

COUR-15

Added COUR-15 Classes in Computer Science Courses

COUR-16

Added COUR-16 Classes in Computer Science Courses in High School Taught by Certified Teachers

COUR-17 Student Enrollment in Computer Science Courses

Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

Made the following changes to APIB: International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme for 2020-2021 CRDC:

APIB-2 Student Enrollment in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme

Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

APIB-6 Advanced Placement (AP) Student Enrollment

Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

APIB-8 Student Enrollment in Advanced Placement (AP) Mathematics

Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

APIB-10 Student Enrollment in Advanced Placement (AP) Science

Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

APIB-11 Advanced Placement (AP) Other Subjects Enrollment Indicator was 13

- Removed **Advanced Placement (AP) Other Subjects Enrollment Indicator**
 - Changed to **Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Enrollment Indicator**
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APIB-12 Student Enrollment in Other Advanced Placement (AP) Subjects was 14

- Removed **Student Enrollment in Other Advanced Placement (AP) Subjects**
 - Changed to **Students enrolled in at least one AP computer course**
 - Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**
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- Removed **APIB-13 Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Enrollment Indicator** and **APIB-14 Students enrolled in at least one AP computer science course**
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OCR > Maintenance > School Part 2 > Exam, Staff, and Retention

Made the following changes to EXAM: SAT/ACT & Advance Placement (AP) Exams for 2020-2021 CRDC:

EXAM-1 Students who participated in the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT

- Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**
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- Removed **EXAM-2a Students who took one or more AP exams for one or more AP courses enrolled in** and **EXAM-2b Students who were enrolled in one or more AP courses but who did not take any AP exams**
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Made the following changes to STAF: School & School Support Staff for 2020-2021 CRDC:

- Changed **STAF-4 School Counselors** to **STAF-2 School Counselors**
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- Changed **STAF-5 Support Services Staff** to **STAF-3 Support Services Staff**
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- Removed **STAF-2 Teacher Years of Experience, STAF-3 Teacher Absenteeism** and **STAF-6 Current Year and Previous Year Teachers**
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Made the following changes to RETN: Retention for 2020-2021 CRDC:

RETN-2 Retention of Students (GRK-GR12)

- Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**
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OCR > Maintenance > School Part 2 > Discipline

Made the following changes to DISC: Student Discipline for 2020-2021 CRDC:

DISC-1 Preschool Suspensions and Expulsion

DISC-1a Preschool Suspensions and Expulsions - One or More Out-of-School Suspension(s)

- Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

DISC-1b Preschool children who received an expulsion

- Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**
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DISC-4 Preschool Corporal Punishment

- Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**
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DISC-7 Discipline of Students without Disabilities (7a-7g)

- Changed **LEP** to **EL Students without Disabilities**
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DISC-8a Transfer to Alternative School for Students without Disabilities

- Changed **LEP** to **EL Students without Disabilities**
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DISC-9 Discipline of Students with Disabilities (9a-9g)

- Changed **LEP** to **EL Students with Disabilities**

- Moved **Students with Disabilities: Section 504** to the bottom of the list
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DISC-10 Students with disabilities transferred to an alternative school for disciplinary reasons

- Changed **LEP Students with Disabilities** to **English Learners (EL) Students with Disabilities**
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DISC-12 School Days Missed Due to Out-of-School Suspension

- Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**
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Made the following changes to ARRS: Student Discipline (Referrals to Law Enforcement & School-Related Arrests) for 2020-2021 CRDC:

ARRS-1 Discipline of Students without Disabilities (Referrals to Law Enforcement & School Related Arrests)**ARRS-1a Students without disabilities who were referred to a law enforcement agency or official**

- Changed **LEP** to **EL Students without Disabilities**

ARRS-1b Students without disabilities who received a school-related arrest

- Changed **LEP** to **EL Students without Disabilities**
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ARRS-2 Discipline of Students with Disabilities (Referrals to Law Enforcement & School Related Arrests)**ARRS-2a Students with disabilities who were referred to a law enforcement agency or official**

- Changed **LEP** to **EL Students with Disabilities**
- Moved **Students with Disabilities: Section 504** to the bottom of the list

ARRS-2b Students with disabilities who received a school-related arrest

- Changed **LEP** to **EL Students with Disabilities**
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Made the following changes to OFFN: Offenses for 2020-2021 CRDC:

OFFN-1 Offenses - Number of Incidents

- Deleted the following:

- Incidents of robbery with a firearm or explosive device
 - Incidents of physical attack or fight with a firearm or explosive device
 - Incidents of threats of physical attack with a firearm or explosive device
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- Added **OFFN-4 Offenses - Number of Incidents Committed by Student**
 - Added **OFFN-5 Offenses - Number of Incidents Committed by School Staff**
 - Added **OFFN-6 Offenses - Allegations Against School Staff (Resignation or Retirement)**
 - Added **OFFN-7 Offenses - Allegations Against School Staff (Determined Responsible)**
 - Added **OFFN-8 Offenses - Allegations Against School Staff (Determined Not Responsible)**
 - Added **OFFN-9 Offenses - Allegations Against School Staff (Determination Pending)**
 - Added **OFFN-10 Offenses - Allegations Against School Staff (Duty Reassignment)**
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Made the following changes to HIBS: Harassment or Bullying for 2020-2021 CRDC:

- Added **HIBS-1c Allegations of Harassment or Bullying - By Religion Type**
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HIBS-2a Students reported as Harassed or Bullied - Sex

- Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

HIBS-2b Students reported as Harassed or Bullied - Race, Color or National Origin

- Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**
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HIBS-3a Students disciplined for harassment or bullying - Sex

- Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

HIBS-3b Students disciplined for harassment or bullying - Race, Color or National Origin

- Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**

HIBS-3c Students disciplined for harassment or bullying - Disability

- Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**
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Made the following changes to RSTR: Restraint and Seclusion for 2020-2021 CRDC:

RSTR-1a Non-IDEA students subjected to Restraint or Seclusion - Mechanical Restraint*

Changed **LEP Non-IDEA Students** to **EL Non-IDEA Students**

RSTR-1b Non-IDEA students subjected to Restraint or Seclusion - Physical Restraint*

Changed **LEP Non-IDEA Students** to **EL Non-IDEA Students**

RSTR-1c Non-IDEA students subjected to Restraint or Seclusion - Seclusion*

Changed **LEP Non-IDEA Students** to **EL Non-IDEA Students**

RSTR-2a IDEA students subjected to Restraint or Seclusion - Mechanical Restraint*

Changed **LEP Non-IDEA Students** to **EL IDEA Students**

RSTR-2b IDEA students subjected to Restraint or Seclusion - Physical Restraint*

Changed **LEP Non-IDEA Students** to **EL IDEA Students**

RSTR-2c IDEA students subjected to Restraint or Seclusion - Seclusion

Changed **LEP Non-IDEA Students** to **EL IDEA Students**

Removed EXPD: School Expenditures for 2020-2021 CRDC:

EXPD-1 - Salary Amount for Total Personnel Funded with State and Local Funds

EXPD-2 - Salary Amount for Teachers Funded with Federal, State, and Local Funds

EXPD-3 - Full-time Equivalency Count and Salary Amount for Teachers Funded with State and Local Funds

EXPD-4 - Full-time Equivalency Counts and Salary Amounts for Staff Funded with State and Local Funds

EXPD-5 - Full-time Equivalency Counts and Salary

EXPD-6 - Amount of Non-Personnel Expenditures Associated with Activities Funded with State and Local Funds

EXPD-7 - Amount of Non-Personnel Expenditures Associated with Activities Funded with Federal, State, and Local Funds

EXPD-8 - Salary Amount for Total Personnel Funded with Federal, State and Local Funds

OCR > Extracts > Perform Extract

Modified OCR Extract with the following changes for 2020-2021 CRDC:

SCHR - School Characteristics

SCHR-2 Ungraded Detail

Remove the following:

- School has mainly elementary and middle school age students?
- School has mainly middle and high school age students?
- School has mainly elementary, middle, and high school age students?

PSCH - Preschool

PSCH-1 Preschool Age for Non-IDEA

Remove the following:

- Children age 3 years
- Children age 4 years
- Children age 5 years

ENRL - Enrollment

ENRL-2b Students who are EL in Programs

Remove the following:

- LEP Students with Disabilities (IDEA)

PENR - Program Enrollment (Gifted & Talented, Dual Enrollment)

Remove the following:

- PENR-5 Credit Recovery Program
- PENR-6 Credit Recovery Program Student Participation

APIB - Advanced Placement (AP) & International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IB) Enrollment

APIB-2 Students enrolled in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme

Add the following:

- Students with Disabilities (Section 504 only)

APIB-6 Students enrolled in at least one AP course

Add the following:

- Students with Disabilities (Section 504 only)

Remove the following:

- APIB-11 Advanced Placement (AP) Other Subjects Enrollment Indicator
- APIB-12 Student Enrollment in Other Advanced Placement (AP) Subjects

EXAM - SAT/ACT

Remove the following:

- EXAM -2a Students who took one or more AP exams for one or more AP courses enrolled in
- EXAM -2b Students who were enrolled in one or more AP courses but who did not take any AP exams

STAF - School and School Support Staff

Remove the following:

- STAF-2 Teacher Years of Experience
- STAF-3 Teacher Absenteeism
- STAF-6 Current Year and Previous Year Teachers

DISC - Discipline

Remove the following:

- DISC-1a Preschool children who received only one out-of-school suspension
- DISC-1b Preschool children who received more than one out-of-school suspension

Add the following:

- DISC-1a: Preschool Suspensions and Expulsions - One or More Out-of-School Suspension(s)

Only for schools reporting greater than zero preschool enrollment

OCR > Utilities > Create OCR File

Added/Removed elements to the OCR file for 2020-2021 CRDC.

OCR > Reports > OCR Reports Group

Modified the OCR0100-School Part 1 report layout to incorporate changes for 2020-2021 CRDC.

Modified the OCR0200 - School Part 2 Exam, Staff, and Retention report layout to incorporate changes for 2020-2021 CRDC.

Modified the OCR0300 - School Part 2 Discipline report layout to incorporate changes for 2020-2021 CRDC.

Registration > Maintenance > District Profile > Local Program Codes

Modified the **TEA Crisis Code** field to allow users to enter a 2 or 3 digit alpha-numeric code.

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > PK Enroll

Modified the program so that **PK Elig Prev Year** can be selected only if a student is age 4 or 5 as of September 1st.

Registration > Reports > Registration Reports

Modified the program to include the second line of the header in the P-EBT extract so that it may upload successfully into www.YourTexasBenefits.com.



ASCENDER ParentPortal

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Grades > Assignments

Modified the program so that assignments without due dates will not appear if **Include Blank Due Dates** is unchecked. Assignments without due dates should only appear when **Include Blank Due Dates** is checked.

Admin Settings > District Settings

Modified the program so parents receive a message that the portal is **Inactive** when it has been disabled by the district.



ASCENDER TeacherPortal

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Grades > Assignment Grades

Corrected the issue with the **Show Averages as Alpha** checkbox so it will stay selected and grades will display in alpha order until the user unchecks the box.

Expanded the **Note** column width on the Student Course Note pop-up so the notes will display on the screen.

Grades > Cycle Grades

Corrected an issue so that exam grades entered in the **Exam** column save when the user selects the **Fill Exempt Exams** button, PINs and Saves.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > TeacherPortal Options > District > Reading Levels

Corrected an issue so teachers are able to select district-defined reading levels in TeacherPortal > Grades > Cycle Grades > Course-Section if they have been set in Grade Reporting > Maintenance > TeacherPortal Options > District > Reading Levels.

Settings > Manage Assignments

Reinstated the copy assignments feature to allow teachers to copy assignments to courses that are in groups.

Settings > Manage Seating Charts

Modified the program so that new students to a course appear on the seating chart or in the Unassigned Students box.

Admin > Admin-Student Grades

Updated the program so **Posting Codes** from Attendance > Maintenance > Student > Student Posting reflect the correct absence type color in TeacherPortal.

Reports > Admin Reports > Assignment Grades Last Updated Report Selection

Corrected the issue with the drop-down menu not populating when changing campuses. Admin users are now able to generate the report for all campuses to which they have access.

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ASCENDER 6.0380

Release Date: 12/6/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 6.0380

Registration > Reports > Registration Reports > Student Report Group

Modified the SRG6000 - Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) (2021 Summer) report with the following:

- Added an underscore to the **District_ID** header
- Added programming so that **Campus_ID** will extract the 9 digits (County ID, District ID, Campus ID) required by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. (HHSC)

After setting up the local program PEB for the campus and adding the local program PEB to students, users will navigate to Registration > Reports > Registration Reports > Student and click on SRG6000 - Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) (2021 Summer). The user then enters Ending School Year 2022 and Local Program Code PEB. To get the district extract that will be uploaded to www.YourTexasBenefits.com, the user has two options:

1. Click on Preview. A file called PEB_File.csv will automatically be downloaded which contains all the students that were coded with PEB local program code for the district. A second window will also open with the SRG6000 report preview. The top right corner of the report preview has two icons. One icon is to download a PDF version of the SRG6000 report, and the second icon is to download an Excel version of the SRG6000 report. Note that the Excel icon produces a csv that is not called PEB_File.csv, instead the name starts with "DRptSrg6000PEBT...". DRptSrg6000PPEBT should not be used to upload into www.YourTexasBenefits.com since characters such as "=" and "+" are being inserted into the file that is causing the file to be rejected. Only use the file called to PEB_File.csv to submit to HHSC.
2. Click on PDF. A file called PEB_File.csv will automatically be downloaded which contains all the students that were coded with PEB local program code for the district. A second window will also open with the SRG6000 report that can be downloaded as saved as PDF report. Only use the file called to PEB_File.csv to submit to HHSC.

The "DRptSrg6000PEBT..." csv file is for informational purposes only (it may insert character that may cause upload errors) and contains students in the district with the local program code of PEB.

The PEB_File.csv file should be used to submit to www.YourTexasBenefits.com and contains students in the district with the local program code of PEB.

IMPORTANT: The district should inspect the file before uploading to HHSC to ensure that all mandatory fields are there for every student. For example, if the student does not have a zip code in the system, the information will not extract to PEB_File.csv for that student. In turn, this would cause the file to be rejected by HHSC. The file should be inspected by making a copy of the

file and inspecting the copy, leaving the original that will be submitted to HHSC intact, thereby, preventing data from getting distorted. If there is missing data for any particular student in any column, the district can go back to ASCENDER and input the data in the appropriate screen and re-run the extract.

[Update: 6.0375](#)

ASCENDER 6.0375

Release Date: 11/30/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 6.0375

Grade Reporting > Utilities > STAAR/TAKS Precoding Extract

Modified the current **STAAR Alternate 2, 3-8** and **EOC** extracts to conform to the new Cambium file layouts.

To code students for STAAR Alternate 2 3-8 ensure the student is (1) enrolled in special education with a primary disability selected and an Exit Date of blank on Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > SpecEd, and (2) coded as taking STAAR Alternate 2 (i.e., T: STAAR Alternate 2 in Precoding STAAR status) in all subjects on Test Scores > Maintenance > Individual Maintenance > PRECODE.

To code students for STAAR Alternate 2 EOC ensure the student is (1) enrolled in special education with a primary disability selected and an Exit Date of blank on Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > SpecEd, and (2) enrolled in an EOC course. For valid EOC Service ID's, refer to the Help Page.

Grade Reporting > Utilities > Online STAAR/TAKS EOC Extract Grade Reporting > Utilities > STAAR/TAKS Precoding Extract

Added a new option **Cumulative** to produce a cumulative precoding file for all the tests (i.e., TELPAS, TELPAS Alternate, STAAR 3-8, STAAR Interim, STAAR Alternate 2, STAAR EOC). The Cumulative file can be executed from Grade Reporting > Utilities > Online STAAR/TAKS EOC Extract or STAAR/TAKS Precoding Extract. The functionality is identical.

Before executing the Cumulative option, the campus/district must execute the individual tests since the Cumulative file is built from the execution of the individual tests. For example, if only TELPAS is executed, the Cumulative will only contain TELPAS precoded students. If all tests are executed, the Cumulative will contain precoded students for all tests (including STAAR EOC, if executed, even though the execution functionality resides in a different screen). Executing the Cumulative option

without executing any of the individual tests, will result in an error message, “No data to extract”.

Currently, the Cumulative extract cannot be cleared. The district/campus can re-run an individual test to overwrite the contents of the Cumulative for that test, and, re-run the Cumulative, if desired.

Registration > Reports > Registration Reports

Modified the program to include the second line of the header in the P-EBT extract so that it may upload successfully into www.YourTexasBenefits.com.

Update: 6.0350

ASCENDER 6.0350

Release Date: 11/12/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 6.0350

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Student > Individual Maintenance > Prior Yr Transfer

Corrected an issue with the magnifying glass so when selected, it will display the appropriate course details.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Student > Individual Maintenance > Cumulative Courses

Corrected an issue when users click on a grade link, the user is taken to the appropriate grade update page (i.e., prior year, current year).

Grade Reporting > Utilities > STAAR/TAKS Precoding Extract

Modified the current STAAR Interim 3-8 and EOC extracts to conform to new file layouts.

Registration > Reports > Registration Reports

Modified the Student Report Group to create the SRG6000 - Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) (2021 Summer) extract and report.

Districts may code students to extract students on the SRG6000 extract and report by completing the following:

- Go to Registration > Maintenance > District Profile > Local Program Codes and add a new local Program Code called PEB. To save, adding a Program Code to a student with an Entry Date that falls within the current school year is required. An Exit Date is optional to save. The Entry Date/Exit Date fields are not the Entry Date/Exit Date for NSLP and the information will not be included in the extract or report. There are optional fields for the extract and the columns will be empty.
- Go to Registration > Maintenance > Campus Profile > Campus Local Program Codes and add the PEB Program Code
- Add the local program code PEB to individual students through Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Local Program
- Add the local program code PEB to a group of students through Registration > Utilities > Reset Values using the Local Program Code in Item to Reset
- Verify all the students are coded properly by running SRG6000 and entering the parameter of Ending School Year (YYYY) as 2022. The extract will show school year 2020-2021.
- The extract/report parameter Include Withdrawn Students references students that withdrew from the local program PEB if an Exit Date for the student exists. If 'Y' is selected, withdrawn students from the program will be included in the extract/report. In that case, the Entry/Exit Date columns will be empty in the extract since they are optional fields. If 'N' is selected, withdrawn students from the program will not be included in the extract/report.

[Update: 6.0305](#)

ASCENDER 6.0305



ASCENDER TeacherPortal

Release Date: 11/5/21

ASCENDER Update: 6.0305 **ASCENDER TeacherPortal Update:** 6.0305

Grades > Assignment Grades

Corrected an issue in the program so that comments entered in Notes will remain when changes are made.

Update: 6.0300

ASCENDER 6.0300

Release Date: 11/4/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 6.0300

Modified the URLs for **Registration > Utilities > Delete StudentPortal Account** and **Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Local Programs** so the Help pages are correctly retrieved.

Attendance > Maintenance > Student > Student Inquiry > Cumulative Absences

Updated *SAT0000 - Absence Transaction List*, *SAT1200 - Excessive Absence Report*, *SAT1500 - Daily Attendance Report I*, and *SAT1900 - Perfect Attendance Report* so that code W (Obtain a driver's license) and code O (Life-threatening illness) will now be considered Excused per the following new guidelines for Funded Absence Excuses:

- **SB289:** Provides for an excused absence to obtain a driver's license-misses school for the purpose of visiting a driver's license office to obtain a driver's license or learner permit. The student must be enrolled in high school and 15 years of age or older. Your district may not excuse the student for more than one day of school during the period the student is enrolled in high school for each purpose (obtaining a driver's license and obtaining a learner license). Your district must verify the student's visit to the driver's license office in accordance with the procedures adopted by your district.
- **HB699:** Excuses a student with a life-threatening illness-is absent as the result of a serious or life-threatening illness or related treatment that makes the student's attendance infeasible. Documentation from a health care professional licensed, certified, or registered to practice in Texas must be provided that specifies the student's illness and the anticipated period of the student's absence relating to the illness or related treatment.

Discipline > Maintenance > Student > Maintenance

Modified the program to add **Cyber** checkbox. This checkbox will be used to calculate the number of cyber bullying incidents entered when the PEIMS Offense Code is 61.

Graduation Plan > Maintenance > Student > Individual Maintenance > PGP

- Added the **Financial Aid Application** section.
 - Added **Status** and **Met Date** with drop-down menus.
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Grade Reporting

- Modified Grade Reporting > Utilities > Historical Grd Avg and Class Ranking to look for in-district courses on the Prior Yr Transfer tab when populating the **School Year** drop-down so that iTCCs converted databases can use the utility. iTCCs-converted districts must have verified the data in the verification environment provided to them for the utility to be enabled for their district.
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Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Master Schedule > District Schedule

- Corrected an issue in the program when **Auto Grd** is assigned a grade it is not populating correctly in TeacherPortal > Grades > Cycle Grades.
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Grade Reporting > Utilities > STAAR/TAKS Precoding Extract

- Modified the current TELPAS Extract to conform to the new file layout for school year 2021-2022.
 - Modified the current TELPAS Alternate Extract to conform to the new file layout for school year 2021-2022.
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Grade Reporting > Reports > Grade Reporting Reports >

- Updated *SGR1800 - Compute Attendance in Course Records*, *SGR0450 - Attendance Percentage by Course* and *SGR1100 - Students At Risk for Promotion* reports so that code W (Obtain a driver's license) and code O (Life-threatening illness) will now be considered Excused per the following new guidelines for Funded Absence Excuses:

- **SB289**: Provides for an excused absence to obtain a driver's license-misses school for the purpose of visiting a driver's license office to obtain a driver's license or learner permit. The student must be enrolled in high school and 15 years of age or older. Your district may not

excuse the student for more than one day of school during the period the student is enrolled in high school for each purpose (obtaining a driver's license and obtaining a learner license). Your district must verify the student's visit to the driver's license office in accordance with the procedures adopted by your district.

- **HB699**: Excuses a student with a life-threatening illness-is absent as the result of a serious or life-threatening illness or related treatment that makes the student's attendance infeasible. Documentation from a health care professional licensed, certified, or registered to practice in Texas must be provided that specifies the student's illness and the anticipated period of the student's absence relating to the illness or related treatment.
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Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Demo3

- Created the **Financial Aid Application** section in the **Graduation** section.
 - Added **Status** and **Met Date** drop-down options to the **Financial Aid Application** section.
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Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > At Risk

- Modified the PEIMS at-risk criteria to match the TWEDS AT-RISK-INDICATOR-CODE Definition.
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Registration > Utilities > TReX Export

- Added *FinancialAidApplication* and *FinancialAidApplicationMetDate* for the AcademicStatus complex type and added *DyslexiaRiskCode* for the StudentDemographics complex.
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Registration > Utilities > Set Student At Risk indicators

- Modified the utility so it will calculate at risk numbers to accommodate new score charts for EOC Online Primary Base Form (SO) and Online Secondary Base Form (DO).
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Registration > Reports > Registration Reports

- Updated the SRG1500 - Student At Risk Listing report to reorder the existing At-Risk Indicators section.

- Added new indicator, **Dsgnd School TEC §39.0548 Ind**

Updated the SRG1600 - Student At Risk Profile report to reorder the existing At Risk Criteria and Documentation sections.

- Added new criteria question, **15. Enrolled in a designated dropout recovery school under TEC §39.0548?** and documentation, **Copy of documentation indicating enrollment in a designated dropout recovery school under TEC §39.0548.**

Updated the SRG0400 - Student Information Sheets report to reorder the existing At Risk criteria to match the current TWEDS AT-RISK-INDICATOR-CODE Definition.

Registration > Reports > Create Registration Report

Updated the program with the following 2022 Data Elements:

- Demo3 > Promotion - Added **Parent Request Retention** with checkbox
 - Demo3 > Status Indicators - Added **Gen. Ed. Homebound** with checkbox
 - At Risk - Added **Designated Dropout Recovery** with checkbox
 - At Risk - Added **Designated Dropout Recovery Doc** with checkbox
 - Bil/ESL - Updated **LEP Cd** to **EB Cd**
 - Graduation - Added **Financial Aid App Status** with checkbox
 - Graduation - Added **Financial Aid App Met Date** with checkbox
 - Added new section **Residential Facility Detail**
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ASCENDER ParentPortal

Release Date: 11/4/21

ASCENDER Update: 6.0300 **ASCENDER ParentPortal Update:** 6.0300

Settings > Manage Assignments > Assignment

Corrected an issue in the program that was causing all Notes to display the same message. Notes should reflect different messages for each assignment.



ASCENDER TeacherPortal

Release Date: 11/4/21

ASCENDER Update: 6.0300 **ASCENDER TeacherPortal Update:** 6.0300

Corrected an issue in **Assignment Grades** so that names can be sorted alphabetically by both last name and first name.

Admin > Elementary Report Cards > Manage Elementary Skills Based Report Cards

Corrected an issue in the program when printing skills based report cards so that printing with page breaks is possible when **Force Page Break After Skills Grid** is selected.

Attendance > Post/View Attendance

Modified the program to re-introduce Remote Asynchronous (RA) and Remote Synchronous (RS) Attendance options.

Added **Remote Attendance** dropdown in Attendance > Maintenance > Gradebook Options > Campus Options.

Grades > Assignment Grades

Corrected an issue in the program to ensure that when a teacher adds notes in Grade Properties that the session will not timeout and the information in the note will not be lost.

Grades > Cycle Grades

Corrected an issue in the program where course averages are displaying as **Auto Grade** but are not set to Auto Grade in Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Master Schedule > District Schedule.

Grades > Print IPR

Corrected an issue when users select students and print IPRs and when returning to the previous screen only those selected students are displayed rather than all students for the selected course-section.

Corrected an issue when users select students and print IPRs that when returning to the previous screen a different course-section loads.



ASCENDER StudentPortal

Release Date: 11/4/21

ASCENDER Update: 6.0300 **ASCENDER StudentPortal Update:** 6.0300

Updated the program to retrieve the correct portal Help links.

[Update: 6.0220](#)

ASCENDER 6.0220

Release Date: 10/22/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 6.0220

Discipline > Maintenance > Referrals

Corrected an issue so that discipline referral information copies over to Discipline > Maintenance > Student > Maintenance when creating an incident.

Clients that used the utility while it was broken, resulted in incomplete or incorrect records.

Incomplete records:

The client clicked on a pending referral in Discipline > Maintenance > Referrals and checked the Create Incident box and Saved their selection. An incident number is generated and shows in TeacherPortal. The client is routed to the Discipline > Maintenance > Maintenance tab and the referral information was not copied, and the client **DID NOT** manually select the referral information (i.e., Location of Incident, Reported by, Administered by, and so on) to Save. Instead, they clicked out of the screen without completing the information. This has created a “ghost” record where the incident is not part of the student record in Discipline > Maintenance > Student > Inquiry. The incident also does not appear in the Referrals screen as pending, it shows as complete. The record is still in the database without referral details.

Through a DBA Assistant change, TCC has set the referrals back to pending so that clients can go back to the Discipline > Maintenance > Referrals screen and complete the incidents again.

Incorrect records:

The client clicked on a pending referral in Discipline > Maintenance > Referrals and checked the Create Incident box and Saved their selection. An incident number is generated and shows in TeacherPortal. They are routed to the Discipline > Maintenance > Maintenance tab and the referral information was not copied, and the client **DID** manually select the referral information (i.e., Location of Incident, Reported by, Administered by, and so on) and Saved. Upon clicking Save, the program created a new incident number, different from the first incident number that was generated. The incident shows as completed in Referrals and the incident is part of the student record in Discipline > Maintenance > Student > Inquiry. There is a discrepancy between the incident number in ASCENDER and TeacherPortal.

Through a DBA Assistant change, TCC has consolidated the incidents so that each incident has a matching incident number as shown in TeacherPortal.

Registration > Utilities > ID Change

Added a validation to the utility so that **New/Hist Student ID** can only be changed to a valid student ID number.

Update: [6.0215](#)

ASCENDER 6.0215

Release Date: 10/12/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 6.0215

Re-enabled tabs in Health, Registration, and ParentPortal Registration after a temporary disabling.

Discipline > Maintenance > Referrals

The release that went out Tuesday, October 12, 2021, included a fix for saving an incident on the **Referral Details Form**. When the user selects **Create Incident**, enters the referral information and saves, the information will save.

Please note however that while the *Save* issue is fixed, the referral information (i.e., Location of Incident, Reported By, Administered By) does not transfer to the **Maintenance** tab on Discipline > Maintenance > Student > Maintenance. The user must re-enter the referral information at this time.



ASCENDER TeacherPortal

Release Date: 10/12/21

ASCENDER Update: 6.0215 **ASCENDER TeacherPortal Update:** 6.0215

Modified ParentPortal to bypass the Ende User License Agreement (EULA) for administrative users. Administrative users will accept the EULA in TeacherPortal.

[Update: 6.0210](#)

ASCENDER 6.0210

Release Date: 10/8/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 6.0210

Attendance > Reports > Attendance Reports > Students Report Group

Modified the SAT0400 - Daily Attendance Summary report to correctly calculate the **Total (Beginning Membership + Total New Or Reentries)** when the student has a status change in registration.

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- Modified the SAT1800 - Attendance Audit Report to correctly report absences.
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Grade Reporting > Reports > Grade Report Reports > Report Cards

- Modified SGR1160 - Interim Progress Report to speed up retrieval time.
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Registration > Reports > Registration Reports > Student

- Temporarily removed SRG0710 - Standard Forms Printing and SRG0720 - Online Registration Forms Related Reports to investigate an issue.

[Update: 6.0206](#)

ASCENDER 6.0206

Release Date: 10/6/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 6.0206

- Temporarily removed tabs in Health, Registration, and ParentPortal Registration to correct an issue.

[Update: 6.0205](#)

ASCENDER 6.0205

Release Date: 9/30/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 6.0205

- Corrected an issue that was causing the End User License Agreement (EULA) to display after users with existing accounts had accepted the agreement.
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ASCENDER ParentPortal

Release Date: 9/30/21

ASCENDER Update: 6.0205 **ASCENDER ParentPortal Update:** 6.0205

Grades > Assignments

Corrected an issue where the message *Schedules are currently disabled* was displayed and assignments were not loading for parents to view.



ASCENDER TeacherPortal

Release Date: 9/30/21

ASCENDER Update: 6.0205 **ASCENDER TeacherPortal Update:** 6.0205

Corrected an issue that changed the colors in the TeacherPortal navigation menu to their default color before the release 6.0200.

Grades > Cycle Grades

Corrected an issue where users were unable to delete comments for **Citizenship, Report Card Comments** and **Report Card Narrative** after entering and saving.

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- Corrected an issue where users were unable to delete an override grade in the **Override** column.

 - Corrected an issue for users where previously entered grades in the **Override** column were removed after saving and entering additional grades.

Update: 6.0200

ASCENDER 6.0200

Release Date: 9/28/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 6.0200

- Updated color contrast for ease of readability to the following:
 - Attendance
 - Discipline
 - Grade Reporting
 - Graduation Plan
 - Health
 - OCR
 - Registration
 - Scheduling
 - Special Education
 - State Reporting
 - Test Scores

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- Modified the portals to meet WCAG 2.0AA accessibility standards.
 - StudentPortal
 - TeacherPortal

Attendance > Reports > Attendance Reports > All

- Modified the SAT0400 - Daily Attendance Summary report to include historical data.

- Modified the SAT2300 - Average Daily Attendance report to include historical data.

- Created the SAT2021 - Virtual Attendance Verification report for the Student Report Group so clients will be able to verify a student's virtual (remote synchronous and remote asynchronous) attendance.

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment

- Corrected an issue when a student record has been accepted and updated in ParentPortal, but only the student name is displaying when retrieved on **Contact**.

 - Added At-Risk Indicators 14 and 15 to the PEIMS At Risk Indicators sub-report of SRG0400 - Student Information Sheets Report.

 - Modified code 32 on the **Attribution Cd** drop-down list on Demo1 so that if **Campus ID Resid** is blank, the user will receive error message: *Campus ID Resid cannot be blank if Attribution Cd is 02, 03, 06, 07, 10 or 32.*

 - Modified the **Bi/ESL** tab to replace **LEP Cd** with **EB Cd**.

 - Added the PARENT-REQUEST-RETENTION-INDICATOR (E1729) **Parent Request Retention** to the Promotion section and added the GENERAL-EDUCATION-HOMEBOUND-INDICATOR (E1730) **Gen. Ed. Homebound** to the Demo3 tab for school year 2021-2022.
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Registration > Utilities > Attendance Zones Address Change

- Corrected an issue where clients with usernames containing special character dot (.) were not able to save information when they clicked **Execute**.
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Registration > Reports > Registration Reports > Student Report Group

- Corrected an issue on the SRG0710 - Standard Forms Printing report that was causing an error when attempting to print when the username contained an period.
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ASCENDER ParentPortal

Release Date: 9/28/21

ASCENDER Update: 6.0200 **ASCENDER ParentPortal Update:** 6.0200

Admin > Form Management > Form Usage > Form Completion Data

Corrected the following:

- Fixed the issue for the Date format not appearing correctly when exporting to a CSV file.
- Fixed the issue for Student IDs that start with 0 truncating when exporting to a CSV file.
- Fixed the issue for selected school year. When the school year changes in the drop-down menu, the students list will now populate the CSV import with matching students depending on the school year for the district level.
- Fixed the issue for count not matching the total number of completed forms students retrieved in CSV.
- Fixed the issue for count not changing when the campus changed in **Campus** level selection.

Summary > Contacts

Corrected an issue when registering a student where the process cannot be completed because **Contacts** reverts back to Pending status when information is entered and saved.

Summary > Interim Progress Report

Modified the program to correct an issue that was causing an error when trying to view IPRs.

Student Health Information Sheet

Modified the program to align the **Yes** and **No** buttons.

Student Residency Questionnaire

Corrected an issue when parents were trying to complete the Returning Student Registration where

they were unable to successfully add information to the Student Residency Questionnaire without receiving an error message.

Admin > Form Group Management > Public Documents

Corrected an issue in the program that was causing an error when a user selected **Edit Group** to add a document.



ASCENDER TeacherPortal

Release Date: 9/28/21

ASCENDER Update: 6.0200 **ASCENDER TeacherPortal Update:** 6.0200

Student ID > Navigation > Attendance

Corrected an issue in the **Attendance** section on the **Student Information** page where ISS attendance was missing and not all posting codes were showing.

Grades > Assignment Grades

Corrected an issue in the program that was causing the **Show Averages as Alpha** checkbox to disappear when sorting the page by Due Date.

Both the **Show Average as Alpha** and **Show Withdrawn** checkboxes should remain on the page.

Admin > Admin Options

Corrected an issue so campus level administrators are not able to view student information for all campuses in the district. They should only be allowed to see the campus for which they have

permissions.



ASCENDER StudentPortal

Release Date: 9/28/21

ASCENDER Update: 6.0200 **ASCENDER StudentPortal Update:** 6.0200

Attendance

Corrected an issue where some students are showing duplicate absences when the student has a fractured schedule and does not meet Monday through Friday.

[Update: 6.0120](#)

ASCENDER 6.0120

Release Date: 9/23/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 6.0120

Grade Reporting > Utilities > Online STAAR/TAKS EOC Extract

Modified the current STAAR EOC Extract to conform to the new file layout for school year 2021-2022.

Grade Reporting > Reports > Grade Reporting Reports > Report Cards

Modified SGR1160 - Interim Progress Report to expand the **Sort Order (A=Alpha,G=Grade Lvl,C=Control Nbr,Period Nbr=Period)** parameter. Clients are now able enter a period number and the IPRs will be sorted by the name of the instructor teaching the class in which the student is enrolled for the designated period.

[Update: 6.0110](#)

ASCENDER 6.0110

Release Date: 9/15/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 6.0110

Attendance > Maintenance > Student > Student Inquiry

Modified **Count of Absences, Count of Tardies, Attendance By Date,** and **Attendance Audit** tab to retrieve historical attendance data for students.

Attendance > Reports > Attendance Reports > Students Report Group

Modified the SAT3600 - Detail Attendance Audit by Student report to include historical data.

Modified the SAT3650 - Detail Attendance Audit by Course report to include historical data.

[Update: 6.0105](#)

ASCENDER 6.0105

Release Date: 9/12/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 6.0105



ASCENDER ParentPortal

Release Date: 9/12/21
ASCENDER Update: 6.0105 **ASCENDER ParentPortal Update:** 6.0105

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- Modified the program to remove the End User License Agreement (EULA).
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ASCENDER TeacherPortal

Release Date: 9/12/21

ASCENDER Update: 6.0105 **ASCENDER TeacherPortal Update:** 6.0105

Grades > Assignment Grades

- Corrected an issue that caused a modified Assignments per Page number to revert back to the default setting of 5 when a teacher navigates away and returns. The page is not saving the last setting.
 - Corrected an issue that was preventing the *Assignment grades saved* message from going away when making additional changes after the save. This is misleading teachers as they continue to add grades then close the page without saving.
 - Corrected an issue that was causing the gridlines on the page to not display.
 - Corrected an issue that was causing the header and footer to move when the user scrolls left and right. This causes the **PIN** field and **Save** button to disappear from view when there are several assignments.
 - Corrected an issue when entering an assignment note that caused the Note icon to disappear if the **Late** checkbox is selected.
 - Corrected an issue that was causing student information to be out of alignment on the page.
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ASCENDER StudentPortal

Release Date: 9/12/21

ASCENDER Update: 6.0105 **ASCENDER StudentPortal Update:** 6.0105

Modified the program to remove the End User License Agreement (EULA).

[Update: 6.0100](#)

ASCENDER

Release Date: 9/3/21 **ASCENDER Update:** 6.0100

Modified the program to create a End User License Agreement (EULA) for ASCENDER. Users must accept the agreement in order to proceed with account creation and/or first log in and on an annual basis.

- ParentPortal
- StudentPortal
- TeacherPortal
- EmployeePortal
- CareerPortal
- MemberPortal
- ASCENDER Enterprise

Health > Reports > Health Reports > Immunizations

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

Corrected an issue with the SHS0102 - Immunization Due Report.

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

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment

Added a street name autocomplete feature to the mailing address and physical address street name fields on Demo1 when **Enable Attendance Zones** is selected on Registration > Maintenance > District Profile > District Maintenance > Attendance Zone Options.

Added *15. Enrolled in a designated dropout recovery school under TEC §39.0548* and documentation checkbox to the PEIMS at-risk criteria section on the At Risk tab.

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Forms

Registration > Reports > Registration Reports > Student > SRG0710 - Standard Forms Printing

Modified the program per TAC §89.1215 to provide the Home Language Survey (HLS) in Spanish as well as in English.

Additionally some fields were modified from drop-down menus to text fields.

Added fields:

- Student ID#
- Address
- Telephone #
- Signature of Student if Grades 9-12
- Date (for Signature of Student if Grades 9-12)

Removed field:

- What is the student's country of birth? If country not listed in dropdown list, enter country of birth:
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Registration > Utilities > Reset Values

Modified the utility to add **Foundation Crswrk** and **Distinguished Crswrk** to the drop-down menu in the **Item to Reset** section.

NOTE: the FHSP endorsements should be assessed for each student, and set if necessary prior to using the Reset Utility for Foundation Coursework and Distinguished Coursework.

Scheduling > Reports > Scheduling Reports > Post-Load

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- Modified the SCH0010 - Students Without a Schedule report to disable the **Preview** button.
 - Modified the SCH0010 - Students Without a Schedule report to re-enable the **Preview** button.
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ASCENDER ParentPortal

Release Date: 9/3/21

ASCENDER Update: 6.0100 **ASCENDER ParentPortal Update:** 6.0100

Admin

Form Management > Form Usage > Usage Statistics

- Updated the program to display correctly updated statistics (matching the Dashboard - Online Registration widget).
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Form Group Management > New Student Enrollment > Home Language Survey Form (TEA)

- Modified the program per TAC §89.1215 to provide the Home Language Survey (HLS) in Spanish as well as in English.

Additionally some fields were modified from drop-down menus to text fields.

Added fields:

- Student ID#
- Address
- Telephone #
- Signature of Student if Grades 9-12
- Date (for Signature of Student if Grades 9-12)

Removed field:

- What is the student's country of birth? If country not listed in dropdown list, enter country of

birth:

- Corrected a link on the Home Language Survey that takes the user to the English Learner (EL) Identification/Reclassification Flowchart.
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- Corrected an issue on some pages that was causing student names to not sort alphabetically when they were in mixed cases.
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Attendance > Post/View Attendance

- Corrected an issue that was preventing teachers from posting attendance if Tracks are different and end on different days.
 - Corrected an issue on the Student Information page where the **Close Window** option was not functioning. Sub-pages of the Student Information page should close when **Close Window** is selected.
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District Administration > Tables > District Logos

- Modified the program to display the district image on the TeacherPortal Campus Home page.
- Modified the program to display the district image when printing report cards on Print Elementary Report Cards for Campus.



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