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> **ASCENDER Release 8**

ASCENDER 8.0500

> **Release Date**: 1/11/24 **ASCENDER Update**: 8.0500

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 2

❑ Updated the program with required OCR File Layout changes.

OCR > Utilities > Create OCR File

❑ Updated the program to re-enable the **Create OCR File** menu option.

Prior Release Notes for ASCENDER 8.0

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> **Release Date**: 12/15/23 **ASCENDER Update**: 8.0400

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 1 > DIND

❑ Updated **DIND: COVID-related Directional Indicators** for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

For a list of extract information, click OCR Extract Information - Part 1: Fall Snapshot Data.

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 1 > SCHR

❑ Updated **SCHR: School Characteristics** for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

For a list of extract information, click OCR Extract Information - Part 1: Fall Snapshot Data.

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 1 > PSCH

❑ Updated **PSCH: Preschool Enrollment** for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

For a list of extract information, click OCR Extract Information - Part 1: Fall Snapshot Data.

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 1 > ENRL

❑ Updated **ENRL: Enrollment** for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

For a list of extract information, click OCR Extract Information - Part 1: Fall Snapshot Data.

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 1 > PENR

❑ Updated **PENR: Gifted & Talented, Dual Enrollment, and Credit Recovery Programs** for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

For a list of extract information, click OCR Extract Information - Part 1: Fall Snapshot Data.

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 1 > COUR

❑ Updated **COUR: Courses & Classes** for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

For a list of extract information, click OCR Extract Information - Part 1: Fall Snapshot Data.

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 1 > APIB

❏ Updated **APIB: International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme** for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

For a list of extract information, click OCR Extract Information - Part 1: Fall Snapshot Data.

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 2 > EXAM

❏ Updated **EXAM: SAT/ACT & Advance Placement (AP) Exams** for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

For a list of extract information, click OCR Extract Information - Part 2: Exam, Staff, and Retention.

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 2 > STAF

❏ Updated **STAF: School & School Support Staff** for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

For a list of extract information, click OCR Extract Information - Part 2: Exam, Staff, and Retention.

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 2 > RETN

❏ Updated **RETN: Retention** for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

For a list of extract information, click OCR Extract Information - Part 2: Exam, Staff, and Retention.

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 2 > ATHL

❏ Updated **ATHL: Single-Sex Interscholastic Athletics** for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

For a list of extract information, click OCR Extract Information - Part 2: Exam, Staff, and Retention.

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 2 > DISC

❏ Updated **DISC: Student Discipline** for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

For a list of extract information, click OCR Extract Information - Part 2: Discipline (Suspension, Expulsion, Corporal Punishment).

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 2 > ARRS

❑ Updated **ARRS: Student Discipline (Referrals to Law Enforcement & School-Related Arrests)** for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

For a list of extract information, click OCR Extract Information - Part 2: Discipline (Suspension, Expulsion, Corporal Punishment).

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 2 > OFFN

❑ Updated **OFFN: Offenses** for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

For a list of extract information, click OCR Extract Information - Part 2: Discipline (Suspension, Expulsion, Corporal Punishment).

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 2 > HIBS

❑ Updated **HIBS: Harassment or Bullying** for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

For a list of extract information, click OCR Extract Information - Part 2: Discipline (Suspension, Expulsion, Corporal Punishment).

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 2 > RSTR

❑ Updated **RSTR: Restraint and Seclusion** for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

For a list of extract information, click OCR Extract Information - Part 2: Discipline (Suspension, Expulsion, Corporal Punishment).

OCR > Maintenance > School Part 2 > INET

❑ Updated **INET: Internet Access and Devices** for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

For a list of extract information, click OCR Extract Information - Part 2: Discipline (Suspension, Expulsion, Corporal Punishment).

OCR > Extracts > School Part 2

❏ Updated the extract for the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

OCR > Utilities > Create OCR File

❏ Updated the program to hide the **Create OCR File** menu option. The updated file layout will be released in January 2024.

OCR > Reports > School Part 1

❏ Updated the report file to comply with the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

OCR > Reports > School Part 2a: Exam, Staff, and Retention

❏ Updated the report file to comply with the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

OCR > Reports > School Part 2b: Discipline

❏ Updated the report file to comply with the 2021-2022 OCR Civil Rights Data Collection.

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment

❏ Added the **TSDS Unique ID** button. This functionality works in conjunction with the Texas Student Data System (TSDS). TSDS uses web services for Unique ID and for the Data Transmission Utility (DTU) allowing ASCENDER to interact directly with their Unique ID application to assign Unique IDs.

Before the **TSDS Unique ID** button can be used in ASCENDER, the LEA's designated TEAL user must obtain web service access.

Registration > Utilities > Set Student At Risk Indicators

❑ Added logic to *dbAssistant* for the 2023-2024 school year to update the table **st_atrisk_assmt_110pct** with new 110% passing scores.

New values were loaded for At Risk assessments that will determine if a student passed an assessment by at least 110% in order to not be classified as at risk for previously failing the this subject.

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Registration, Grade Reporting and Attendance

❑ Modified the **Student Information** button on Registration, Grade Reporting, and Attendance to pre-check if the campus and grade level information entered for student is correct before running a report.

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > WR Enroll

❑ Corrected the 6:00pm extract calculation for **As of Status Last Friday October** code.

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> **Release Date**: 11/6/23 **ASCENDER Update**: 8.0300

❑ Modified the following pages to calculate *AsOfStatusLastFridayOctober* data during the nightly 6:00pm extract:

- Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Demo1 > Status Indicators - No-shows and currently enrolled students
- Registration > Maintenance > Prior Year Leaver Tracking > Leaver Tracking - Prior year leaver students
- State Reporting > Maintenance > Fall > Student > Demo

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Master Schedule > Campus Schedule > Section

❑ Updated the page to remove leftover edits when the **PK Prog Eval Type** field was removed.

Graduation Plan > Maintenance > Student > Individual Maintenance > PGP

❑ Removed the following error messages for school year 2024 and beyond:

- PGP: If Distinguished Coursework is not 0, then at least one endorsement must be a 1 or 2.
- PGP: To complete Distinguished, one Endorsement must also be completed.

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Demo1 (PY Leaver)

❑ Modified the page to allow the following data elements to be editable for the prior year (1 year only) if the student is listed in SR_STU_LEAVER and NO_SHOW=0.

- E-mail - SR_STU_DEMO.EMAIL
- Num - SR_STU_DEMO.STR_NBR_PHYS
- Street - SR_STU_DEMO.STR_NAME_PHYS
- Direction - SR_STU_DEMO STR_DRCTN_PHYS
- Apt - SR_STU_DEMO.APT_NBR_PHYS_ADDR
- City - SR_STU_DEMO.CITY_NAME_PHYS_ADDR
- State - SR_STU_DEMO.PHYS_ADDR_STATE
- Zip - SR_STU_DEMO.ZIP_CODE_PHYS_ADDR and SR_STU_DEMO.ZIP4_PHYS_ADDR

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Graduation

❑ Removed the following error message for school year 2024 and beyond:

- Graduation: If Foundation Coursework is 2, Distinguished Coursework and endorsements must

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be a 0 or 2.

Registration> Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Contact (PY Leaver)

❑ Modified the page to allow the following data elements to be editable for the prior year (1 year only) if the student is listed in SR_STU_LEAVER and NO_SHOW=0.

For contacts who are: Priority=1 and Guardian=1

- First - SR_PARENT.NAME_F
- Middle - SR_PARENT.NAME_M
- Last - SR_PARENT.NAME_L
- Gen - SR_PARENT.GEN
- Relation - SR_PARENT.RELAT
- Address Number - SR_PARENT.STR_NBR
- Address Street Name - SR_PARENT.STR_NAME
- Address Apt Nbr - SR_PARENT.APT_NBR
- Address City - SR_PARENT.CITY
- Address State - SR_PARENT.STATE_CD
- Address Zip Code - SR_PARENT.ZIP and SR_PARENT_ZIP4
- Email - SR_PARENT.EMAIL
- Home Phone Nbr - SR_PARENT.PHONE_AREA_CD and SR_PARENT.PHONE_NBR
- Business Phone Nbr - SR_PARENT.PHONE_AREA_CD_BUS and SR_PARENT.PHONE_NBR_BUS and SR_PARENT.PHONE_EXT_BUS
- Other Phone Nbr - SR_PARENT.OTHER_PHONE_AC and SR_PARENT.OTHER_PHONE_NBR and SR_PARENT.OTHER_PHONE_EXT

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > W/R Enroll (PY Leaver)

❑ Modified the page to allow the *Reason Cd* to be editable for the prior year (1 year only) if the student is listed in SR_STU_LEAVER and NO_SHOW=0.

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Discipline > Reports > Discipline > SDS1700 - Discipline Suspension Attendance Verification

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❏ Corrected the issue that resulted in data not displaying for student discipline incidents.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Tables > TSDS Crosswalks

❏ Updated the page to add an edit that will prevent duplicate values in the **From** field.

Graduation Plan > Maintenance > Student > Individual Maintenance > Performance Acknowledgement

❏ Modified the **Associate Degree** field from a checkbox to a drop-down menu.

Registration > Maintenance > Campus Profile > Campus Information Maintenance > Demographic Info

❏ Modified the page to remove the **Begin Date** and **End Date** fields for Charter Enrollment beginning with school year 2023 and beyond.

Registration > Maintenance > Campus Profile > Campus Programs > Expanded Learning (ELO)

❏ Modified the page to remove the **Begin Date** and **End Date** fields for Charter Enrollment beginning with school year 2024 and beyond.

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ASCENDER Homepage

❑ Added the **LEA News** element to the Quick View dashboard. This feature allows LEA personnel to add and manage important news, announcements, or upcoming events, and display them on the ASCENDER Homepage Quick View dashboard. Each news entry includes a start and end date, a summary (topic), and a description. Additionally, if needed, entries can be limited to a specific audience based on their permission to an application and breadcrumb (menu item). This functionality is managed on the new District Administration > Tables > LEA News page.
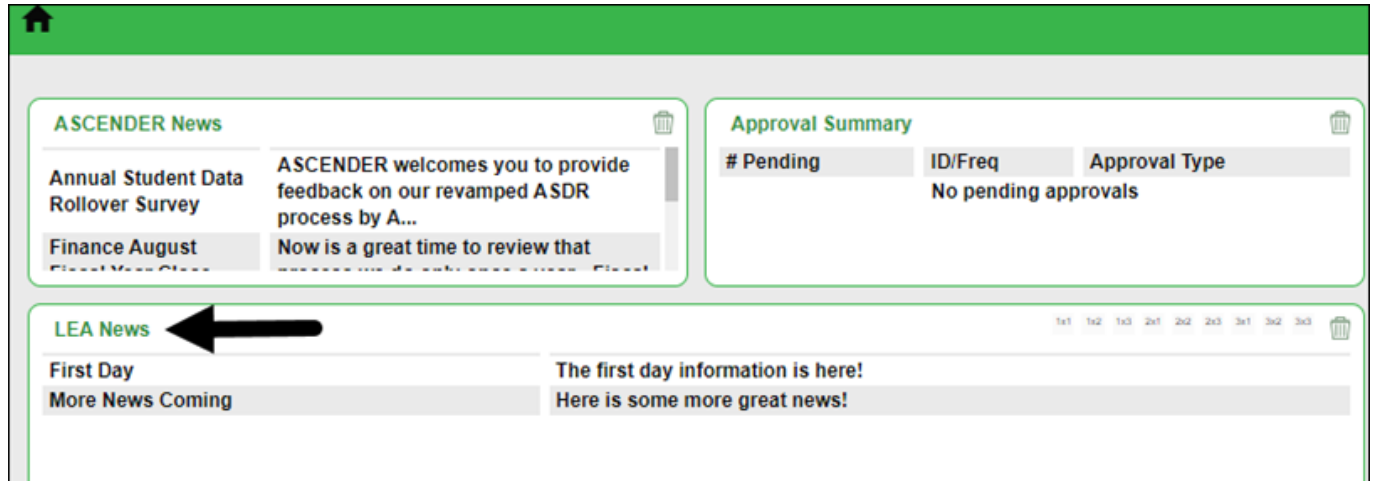
❑ Added the **Daily Attendance by Campus** element on the ASCENDER Homepage Quick View dashboard. This feature allows LEA personnel to quickly and conveniently view in a pie chart, the attendance totals for an authorized campus or the sum of all authorized campuses for the day. This listing will be updated each day at noon.
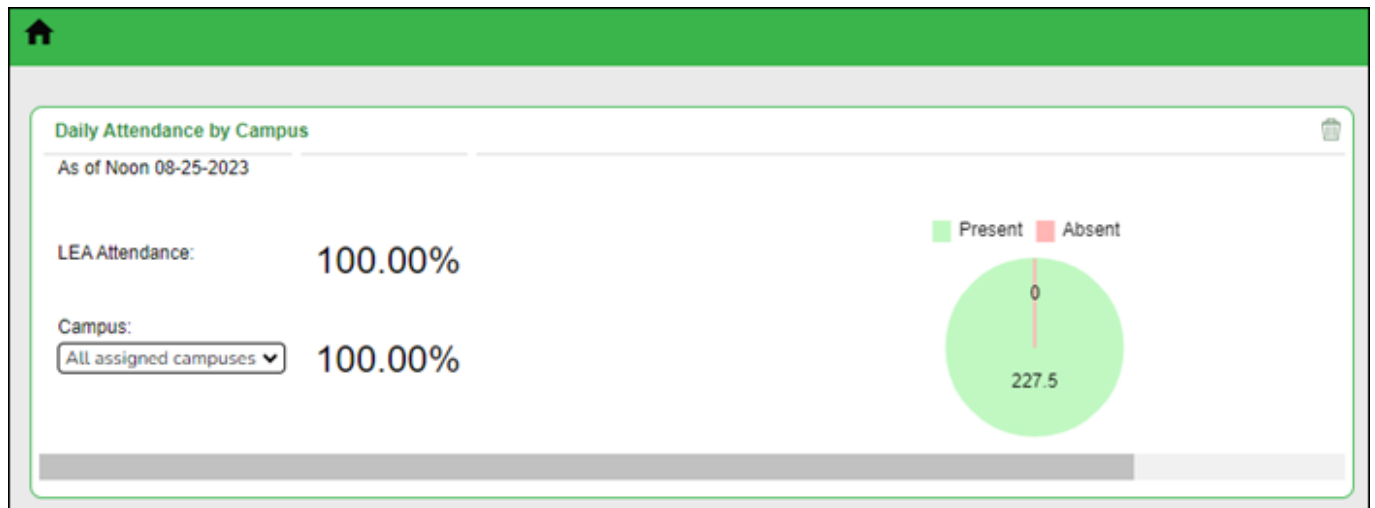
❑ Added the **Daily Attendance Listing** element on the ASCENDER Homepage Quick View dashboard. This feature allows LEA personnel to quickly and conveniently view a listing of authorized campus attendance figures for the day. This listing will be updated each day at noon.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Master Schedule > Campus Schedule > Section

❑ Removed the **PK Prog Eval Type** field and drop-down menu.

❑ Added a **Child-Care Partnership** group box so users can enter multiple Child-Care Operation Number(s).

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Master Schedule > Campus Schedule > Copy Course Section

❏ Modified the page to add Child Care Operation Number(s) to the page logic.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Student > Individual Maint > Sched Inquiry

❏ Modified the page to allow up to 60 characters in the street address field when printing the schedule inquiry.

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

❏ Modified the printed inquiry to allow up to 60 characters in the street address field when selecting **Print AAR** or **AAR/Test Scr**.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > TeacherPortal Options > Campus > Categories

❏ Corrected the issue that prevented clients from deleting categories after successfully running ASDR.

Grade Reporting > Utilities > Online STAAR/TAKS EOC Extract

❏ Modified the utility with the new Cambium file format for school year 2023-2024.

Grade Reporting > Utilities > STAAR/TAKS Precoding Extract

❏ Modified the utility to separate the **STAAR Interim** option so it extracts by itself. Therefore, the **Cumulative** file extract will not contain STAAR Interim information.

❏ Updated the Cambium file layout and added a *telpas_sife* value to TELPAS and TELPAS Alternate for school year 2024.

❏ Modified the utility to remove the **STAAR Interim** option from extracting with **Cumulative**.

Grade Reporting > Utilities > Reset Values

❏ Removed **PK Prog Eval Type** from the *Item to Reset* Course drop-down menu.

Grade Reporting > Reports > Grade Reporting Reports > Grades Report Group > SGR2047-AAR Multi-Year

❏ Modified the report to allow up to 60 characters in the street address field.

Grade Reporting > Reports > Grade Reporting Reports > Master Schedules

SGR0110 - Master Schedule PEIMS (Grd Rpting)

SGR0120 - Master Schedule Sched Info (Grd Rpting)

SGR0130 - Master Sched Section and Grd Rpting Info

❑ Updated the following reports with the following changes:

- SGR0110 - Master Schedule PEIMS (Grd Rpting)
- SGR0120 - Master Schedule Sched Info (Grd Rpting)
- SGR0130 - Master Sched Section and Grd Rpting Info

❑ Removed the **PK Prog Eval Code** column from the reports.

❑ Added a column for **Child-Care Oprn Nbrs** to reports.

Grade Reporting > Reports > Grade Reporting Reports > Report Cards Report Group > SGR1160-Interim Progress Report

❏ Modified the report to allow up to 60 characters in the street address field.

Grade Reporting > Utilities > Online STAAR/TAKS EOC Extract

❏ Modified the utility with the new Cambium file format for school year 2023-2024.

Registration > Maintenance > District Profile > District Maintenance > State Reporting

❏ Updated the page to remove the **Child-Care Partnership** group box.

❏ Added the **Program Evaluation Type** field with a drop-down menu.

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Demo3

❏ Modified the page with the following:

- Added a **No Svcs** option with a checkbox to the Dyslexia group box.
- Added a **No Services** option with a checkbox between **Screen Exception Reason** and **IEP/SEC 5047 Services**.
- Removed the **Prior Yr Summer School Bil/ESL** option and checkbox from the Status Indicators group box.

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Graduation

❏ Modified the program to allow duplicate entries in the **Industry Based Certification** group box.

Registration > Maintenance > Core Collections > Child Find: SPPI-11 > Child Find Data

❏ Removed the **Parental Consent Date** field from the *Child Find Initial Evaluation* group box and replaced it with the **Consent to Evaluation Received Date** field starting in 2023-2024.

NOTE: The **Parental Consent Date** field is still available for SY 2023 and prior.

❏ Deleted the following rules for SY 2023-2024 and beyond:

- 41163-0075
- 41163-0076
- 41163-0077
- 41163-0079
- 41163-0081
- 41163-0084

Registration > Maintenance > Core Collections > Child Find: SPPI-12 > Child Find Data

☐ Removed the **Parental Consent Date** field from the *Child Find Initial Evaluation* group box and replaced it with the **Consent to Evaluation Received Date** field starting in 2023-2024.

NOTE: The **Parental Consent Date** field is still available for SY 2023 and prior.

☐ Deleted the following rules for SY 2023-2024 and beyond:

- 41163-0075
- 41163-0076
- 41163-0077
- 41163-0079
- 41163-0081
- 41163-0084

Registration > Maintenance > Core Collections > Charter School Waitlist

☐ Modified the page to make the following required field changes:

- Remove Edit: School District of Residence is required.

- Remove Edit: Race is required.
- Add Edit: Grd Lvl Applying For is required.

❏ Modified the **School District of Residence** field to allow up to 300 characters.

Registration > Utilities > Charter School Waitlist Import

❏ Updated the program to add the following fields to the import for school year 2023.

- DTS_UPDATE
- ETHN_HISPANIC
- RACE_AMER_INDIAN
- RACE_ASIAN
- RACE_BLACK
- RACE_PACIFIC_ISL
- RACE_WHITE
- CAMPUS_ID_RES_NAME
- S_NBR
- NVR_ENROLLED_PUBLIC_SCH
- OTH_CHILD_APPLYING_CHART
- NAME_OTHER_CHILD_APPLYING
- TIME_OF_DAY_AM
- TIME_OF_DAY_PM
- PK_QUALIFY
- PHONE_PREF

Scheduling > Maintenance > Master Schedule > Campus > Sections

☐ Removed the **PK Prog Eval Type** option from the *Section Information* group box.

☐ Added a **Child-Care Partnership** group box so users can enter multiple Child-Care Operation Number(s) per section.

Scheduling > Maintenance > Master Schedule > Campus > Copy Course Section

☐ Added a code to the page logic to copy Child Care Operation Number(s) when a course section is copied.

Scheduling > Maintenance > Master Schedule Generator > Generate Campus Schedule > Sections

☐ Removed the **PK Prog Eval Type** option from the *Section Information* group box.

☐ Added a **Child-Care Partnership** group box so users can enter multiple Child-Care Operation Number(s).

Scheduling > Utilities > Create NY Master Schedule > Campus

☐ Added a code to the page logic to copy Child-Care Operation Number(s) when a campus section is copied.

Scheduling > Utilities > Delete NY Master Schedule > Campus

☐ Modified the utility to add a *Child Care Operation Numbers* table to the delete **Campus Sections** logic.

When the user selects **Campus Sections**, rows from the CR_SEC_CHLD_CARE_PRTNR_NYR table (*Child Care Operation Numbers*) are successfully deleted.

ASCENDER TeacherPortal

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Grades > Elementary Report Cards > Elementary Letter Skills
Grades > Elementary Report Cards > Elementary Numbers Skills
Grades > Elementary Report Cards > Elementary Word Skills

☐ Corrected an issue with the **Retrieve** button so users are able to retrieve more than one student.

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