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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.
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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.

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.

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.

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.

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:

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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 > 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.
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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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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.



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- Updated the program to retrieve the correct portal Help links.
 - Corrected an issue in **Assignment Grades** so that names can be sorted alphabetically by both last name and first name.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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