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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

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.

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.

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?

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)**
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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)**

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)**
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- Removed **PENR-5 Credit Recovery Program and PENR-6 Credit Recovery Program Student Participation**
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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)**
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COUR-4b Students who Passed Algebra I in Grade 8

- Changed **LEP to English Learners (EL)**
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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)**
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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)**
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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)**
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APIB-8 Student Enrollment in Advanced Placement (AP) Mathematics

- Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**
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APIB-10 Student Enrollment in Advanced Placement (AP) Science

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

Made the following changes to STAF: School & School Support Staff for 2020-2021 CRDC:

Changed **STAF-4 School Counselors** to **STAF-2 School Counselors**

Changed **STAF-5 Support Services Staff** to **STAF-3 Support Services Staff**

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

Made the following changes to RETN: Retention for 2020-2021 CRDC:

RETN-2 Retention of Students (GRK-GR12)

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

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)**

DISC-4 Preschool Corporal Punishment

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

DISC-7 Discipline of Students without Disabilities (7a-7g)

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

DISC-8a Transfer to Alternative School for Students without Disabilities

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

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

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**

DISC-12 School Days Missed Due to Out-of-School Suspension

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

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**

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**

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- 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)**

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 > Student Enrollment > Contact

Modified the **Address** field to allow users to enter up to 50 characters for Street Name.



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.

Discipline > Discipline Referrals

- Updated the SQL to allow alpha numeric codes.
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Settings > Manage Assignments

- Reinstated the copy assignments feature to allow teachers to copy assignments to courses that are in groups.
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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.
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Admin > Admin-Student Grades

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

Admin > Admin-Student Grades

- Corrected the issue that was causing admin users to receive an error message when viewing a students grade when that student has a course with a future dated entry date.
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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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