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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

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## **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.

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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.

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## **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.

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## 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).

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## 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.

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## 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.

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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)**
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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)**
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Made the following changes to PENR: Gifted & Talented, Dual Enrollment, and Credit Recovery Programs for 2020-2021 CRDC:

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**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)**

**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**

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

- Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**
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**COUR-11a-c Student Enrollment in Science Courses**

- Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**
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**COUR-15**

- Added COUR-15 Classes in Computer Science Courses
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**COUR-16**

- Added COUR-16 Classes in Computer Science Courses in High School Taught by Certified Teachers
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**COUR-17 Student Enrollment in Computer Science Courses**

- Changed **LEP** to **English Learners (EL)**
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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)**
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**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**
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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
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**ARRS-2b Students with disabilities who received a school-related arrest**

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- 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**

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- 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**

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- Added
- OFFN-5 Offenses - Number of Incidents Committed by School Staff**

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- Added
- OFFN-6 Offenses - Allegations Against School Staff (Resignation or Retirement)**

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- Added
- OFFN-7 Offenses - Allegations Against School Staff (Determined Responsible)**

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- Added
- OFFN-8 Offenses - Allegations Against School Staff (Determined Not Responsible)**

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- Added
- OFFN-9 Offenses - Allegations Against School Staff (Determination Pending)**

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- 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:

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- Added
- HIBS-1c Allegations of Harassment or Bullying - By Religion Type**

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**HIBS-2a Students reported as Harassed or Bullied - Sex**

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

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

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- 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**

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**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**

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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**

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**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**

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**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

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- 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

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## **OCR > Utilities > Create OCR File**

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

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## **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.

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## **Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Contact**

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

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## **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.

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## **Registration > Reports > Registration Reports**

Modified the program to include the second line of the header in the P-EBT extract so that it may

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upload successfully into [www.YourTexasBenefits.com](http://www.YourTexasBenefits.com).

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## 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.

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### 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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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 student's 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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