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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

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)**
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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**
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- 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)**
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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

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- 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)**
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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**
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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**
- 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**

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)**

Made the following changes to HIBS: Harassment or Bullying for 2020-2021 CRDC:

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

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)**

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 > 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 > Contact

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

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.

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.

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.



ASCENDER StudentPortal

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



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