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ASCENDER Homepage

☐ Added the ASCENDER News dashboard element to display important announcements or upcoming events. Each dashboard element tile has the drag-and-drop feature enabled along with column x row layout options to allow the logged-on user to customize the layout of their dashboard elements. The user's selected layout preferences are automatically saved upon logging out of the software.

The screenshot shows the ASCENDER homepage dashboard with a green header bar containing a home icon, a menu icon, a user profile icon, and a dropdown arrow. On the right side, there is a vertical sidebar with the letters 'QV'. The main content area features three dashboard widgets, each with a trash icon in the top right corner:

- ASCENDER News:** A tile with the title 'ASCENDER News' and a sub-header 'ASCENDER User Conference'. The main text reads: 'The ASCENDER User Conference is June 27 - 29, 2023 at the Grand Hyatt in SA...'.
- Approval Summary:** A tile with a table showing pending approvals.

| # Pending | ID/Freq | Approval Type |
|-----------|---------|---|
| 0 | C | Finance > Approve Budget Amendment |
| 0 | 7 | Finance > Approve Budget Amendment |
| 0 | C/4 | Payroll > Approve CIP Transaction |
| 0 | C/5 | Payroll > Approve CIP Transaction |
- Online Registration:** A tile with a table showing pending registrations.

| # Pending | Campus | Registration Type |
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Attendance > Reports > Attendance Reports > Audit > SAT0600 - Student Detail Report

☐ Corrected the issue that prevented signature pages from displaying for all campus levels when running this report.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Master Schedule > Campus Schedule > Instructors

Updated the page to make the **Texas Unique ID** field a non-required field.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Master Schedule > District Schedule > Available Courses**Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Master Schedule > Campus Schedule > Course**

Modified the pages to update references of **txGradebook** to **TeacherPortal**.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Student > Individual Maintenance > Crs Assign

Modified the program so that **No Show** students who are withdrawn on the same date as their entry date will be automatically withdrawn from courses when they are withdrawn on **W/R Enroll**.

Grade Reporting > Maintenance > TeacherPortal Options > Campus

Changed **LEP** to **EB** in the Display Program Information group box.

Grade Reporting > Utilities > ParentPortal Report Cards > Create Report Cards

Updated the utility when printing secondary report cards from **ParentPortal Report Cards** so the label **Counselor** is now **Counselor/Homeroom Teacher**.

Elementary report cards will keep the **Counselor** label.

Health > Maintenance > Student Health > Screening

Corrected the issue that prevented the **Help (?)** icon from displaying on the following screens:

- Vision
 - Hearing
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- Spinal
 - Acanthosis
 - TB
 - Physical Exam
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Scheduling > Maintenance > Master Schedule > Campus > Instructors

Corrected an issue that caused users to receive an error message when updates were made to the **Texas Unique ID** field and *Registration > Maintenance > District Profile > District Maintenance > Control Info* - Student Application Staff ID is set to **SSN**.

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

Corrected the issue that prevented users from adding a new campus.

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Demo1

Corrected the issue that caused the mailing address on **Demo1** to change when the user navigates to **W/R Enroll**, makes a change and then saves.

Corrected the UI color for the **Save** button.

Disabled the calendars for **Economic Disadvantage**, **Foster Care**, and **Military Connected** group boxes when users have Read-only access.

Corrected the issue in the Foster Care **Descriptor** field that would not allow users to enter and save a 1 (Student is currently in the conservatorship of DFPS) for PK students.

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Demo3

Modified the program so the **Truancy Indicators** fields will clear when a student is re-enrolled through the Historical Re-enrollment process. Truancy Indicators (including campus and date) from the prior year will not transfer to the current year.

Corrected the issue that prevented users from correctly updating the **Early Reading Indicator**

descriptor code when a student has a grade level change from PK to KG.

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Local Programs

Added **Code 1, Code 2, Code 3, Code 4** fields to the **Local Programs for TEA** section of the screen.

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > PK Enroll

Corrected the issue that caused an error message that prevented users from updating the date when exiting a student and then re-enrolling the student.

Registration > Utilities > Reset Values

Corrected the **Cohort** auto populate function on *Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment > Demo2* and *Registration > Utilities > Reset Values*.

Registration > Utilities > TREx Export

Updated the exported file with the following 2022-2023 TREx Data Standards:

- Added PostSecondaryCertificationLicensureResult
- Added Prior Year attendance (Absent, Present, RS, RA Days) - If a student was enrolled in the previous year, then his/her prior year absences, presences, RS, RA attendances taglines will generate with calculated attendances.

Added Industry Certification result code and Prior Year attendance tags in the GreenLight export.

Registration > Utilities > Set Student At Risk Indicators

Modified the utility to use STAAR 3-8 Reading scores, passing at 110% and taken in school year 2022 or later, to unflag students for Criteria 3 who failed STAAR 3-8 Writing.

STAAR 3-8 Writing is no longer administered starting school year 2022.

Registration > Reports > Registration Reports > SRG1700- Leaver Tracking Report

Modified the SRG1700- Leaver Tracking Report so it will display PEIMS Code 08 for **Withdrawal Code** 08 and PEIMS Code 20 for **Withdrawal Code** 20.

Scheduling > Maintenance > Master Schedule > Campus > Instructors

Updated the program to ensure the **Section** field only accepts numeric 2-digit values.

Test Scores > Maintenance > Individual Maintenance > AP

Added the following new codes for school year 2022 and 2023:

Award Type

Code: 13 Description: AP Capstone Diploma

Code: 14 Description: AP Seminar and Research Certificate

Irregularity Code

Code: 10 Description: Score Delayed - will be reported as soon as possible



ASCENDER ParentPortal

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ParentPortal > Navigation > Summary

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- Modified the program so the **Skills Based Report Card** button will display for students in EE and PK.
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ParentPortal > Charter School Application Form > Apply

- Modified the Charter School Waitlist Application form to exclude campuses that have not been set to participate in the Charter School Waitlist option.

The application form will only display campuses that are coded as Participating Charter Admission Waitlist.

ParentPortal Homescreen > Apply

- Modified the **Charter School Application Form** to default to the correct school year.
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ASCENDER TeacherPortal

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- Modified the program to enable batch processing and importing of assignment grades from a file.
- Added validation to *Settings > Manage Assignments* that will prevent duplicate assignment names.
 - Added logic to *Grades > Assignment Grades* to insert to SR_AUDIT_LOG when updating SR_CRS_ASSGN
 - Added validation to verify an imported assignment is in the current or future semester/cycle.

Updated the program to correctly point to the following Help pages for Skills Based campuses:

- Grades > Assignment Grades
 - Grades > Elementary Report Card > Print Elementary Report Cards > Elementary Report Cards
 - Grades > Elementary Report Card > Elementary Report Card Student Notes > Cycle Notes
 - Grades > Elementary Report Card > Elementary Report Card Student Notes > Skill Set Notes
 - Grades > Elementary Report Card > Print Elementary Report Cards
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Attendance > Post/View Attendance

Corrected an issue when the **Combine Courses in Attendance** checkbox is checked on Settings > Update Profile that caused attendance to be unposted after teacher has already successfully posted.

Reports > Student Group Reports > Attendance Summary

Corrected the issue that caused the **Attendance Summary Report** to show an incorrect period for absences if the number of periods for the campus is greater than 10.

Admin > Reports > User Log Report

Corrected the issue that prevented the report from generating when the user chooses any options under **User Log Report Selection**.

Grades > Elementary Report Cards > Print Elementary Report Cards

Corrected the issue that prevented the district logo from printing on Skills-based report cards when the report card is printed by the teacher, or when an admin prints the report card impersonating a teacher.

Grades > Assignment Grades

Modified the program to add an **Error** column to the *Step 3 - Review Data* section on the Assignments Grades Import screen when there are problems with the data.

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- Corrected an issue with the .csv import that was causing information to not map correctly.

 - Corrected the issue that caused assignment grades for one course section to be replaced by grades from a different course section if the instructor has not clicked **Retrieve** before saving.

 - Added an error message to remind instructors to click **Retrieve** before making changes.

 - Updated the program to add validations for numeric and pass/fail grade-types to prevent entering invalid grades of E,S,N,U or A,B,C,D,F. The only valid values for numeric and pass/fail grade-types should be numbers, M, I, and X.
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Grades > Cycle Grades

- Corrected the issue that prevented exam grades from being accepted when **Rpt Card Grd Typ** is set to A,B,C,D,F, E,S,N,U, or Pass/Fail in the **Options** group box on *Grade Reporting > Maintenance > Master Schedule > Campus Schedule > Course*.

 - Corrected the issue that caused averages entered on Grades > Assignment Grades for a future cycle to update incorrectly on Cycle Grades.
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Reports > Attendance Verification

- Corrected the issue that caused a student to not appear on the report when they withdraw from a course in one cycle and re-enroll in that same course in the next cycle.

When the **Include Withdrawn Students** check-box is selected, students withdrawn during a specific period should still show on the Attendance Verification Report.

Reports > Student Group Reports > Attendance Summary

- Corrected the issue that caused the **Attendance Summary Report** to show an incorrect period for absences if the number of periods for the campus is greater than 10.
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Settings > Manage Seating Charts

- Corrected the issue that prevented seating chart designations entered on a blank seating chart from saving when the user selects **PIN** and **Save Seating Chart**.

- Added validation to the page to prevent users from saving successfully when the **Rows** and **Columns** fields are left blank.

- Corrected the issue that caused an **Invalid PIN** error message to appear when **Columns** is left blank for an existing seating chart.



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