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The purpose of this document is to guide you through the steps in Finance to process Vendor electronic funds transfer (EFT) transactions for each vendor doing business with the local education agency (LEA).

This document assumes that you are familiar with the basic features of the ASCENDER Business System and have reviewed the [ASCENDER Business Overview guide](#).



Some of the images and/or examples provided in this document are for informational purposes only and may not completely represent your LEA's process.

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1. [Add/update vendor EFT email address.](#)

Add/Update Vendor EFT Email Address

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Add a new vendor record or update an existing record with the vendor's EFT email address. The EFT email is required for all vendors participating in electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments.

- ☐ Under **Links**, add or update the EFT email address:

EFT E-mail	Type the vendor's email address to send the vendor EFT payment information. The field can be a maximum of 45 characters.
EFT E-Mail	Click to open a new email message using your default email provider.

Note: The vendor's EFT email address is required prior to adding the vendor's bank information on the Vendor Miscellaneous page.

☐ Click **Save**.

2. [Add/update bank codes.](#)

Add/Update Bank Codes

[Finance > Tables > Bank Codes > Bank Codes](#)

Verify the appropriate bank codes exist. If not, add the applicable codes. A bank code is required for each bank participating in electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments. In order for a vendor to receive an EFT payment, you must indicate a specific bank for the vendor.

You can add or edit information in the bank table at any time. The bank name, address, telephone, and contact person information can be updated by accessing the bank code, changing the data, and saving the changes. If the bank code is incorrect, you must delete the incorrect code and then add the new code.

Note: Multiple vendors may use the same bank.

The screenshot shows the 'Tables > Bank Codes' interface. At the top, there's a 'Save' button. Below it, the 'BANK CODES' tab is selected, with 'EFT' as a sub-tab. There are buttons for 'Starting Bank Code', 'Retrieve', and 'Print'. The main area contains a table with the following data:

Delete	Bank Code	Bank Name	Route Number	Street Nbr	Street Name	City	State	Zip	Zip 4	Contact
	123	Test Bank	111000222	53	Street	Alamo City	TX Texas	78208		Marty Rogers
	555	Big Bank	115000000	1	Drive	Alamo City	TX Texas	75555		Sunny Bell

At the bottom, there are navigation buttons: 'First', '1', '1 / 1', and 'Last'. An 'Add' button is at the bottom right.

☐ Click **+Add** to add a new row.

Bank Code	Type a unique user-defined bank code. If the information has already been entered for this code, it is displayed when the code is entered. The field must be three characters.
Bank Name	Type the bank name.
Route Number	Type the nine-digit routing number to use for the electronic funds transfer.
Street Nbr	Type the street address number if used.
Street Name	Type the street name.
City	Type the name of the city where the bank is located.

State	Click ▼ to select the two-character code of the state where the bank is located.
Zip	Type the five-digit zip code for the bank's location.
Zip 4	Type the four-digit zip code if used.
Contact	Type the name of the contact person at the bank who is responsible for processing electronic funds transfers.

☐ Click **Save**.



TIP: If you are creating a vendor record for an employee who is also participating in EFT payments in Payroll, you can use the **Copy from Payroll** functionality on the Vendor Miscellaneous tab and complete the vendor's bank information.



It is recommended that you print your bank details from the [Payroll > Tables > Bank Codes > EFT](#) tab and use it as a reference when adding your LEA's bank details on the EFT tab in Step 3. Use caution when typing your **Route** number to ensure accuracy.

2. [Add/update EFT information.](#)**Add/Update EFT Information**[Finance > Tables > Bank Codes > EFT](#)

Create the LEA's EFT record to be used when sending vendor EFT payments to their bank. This function is accomplished by creating an EFT file during a payment run. This file is then given to the local education agency's (LEA) bank to be transmitted to an automatic clearinghouse.

Enter the EFT data for the LEA's EFT bank account to be used for Finance checks. Reference the [Payroll > Tables > Bank Codes > EFT](#) tab if using the same EFT bank.

Field	Description
Immediate Destination	<p>Type the nine-digit Federal Reserve routing number used to identify the receiving point. This number is provided by the individual bank. The field length is ten digits, since some banks require a leading space before the nine-digit routing number. If you type the nine-digit routing number and later need to add a space before the number, you must do the following:</p> <p>Change the field to a random number (e.g., 123456789).</p> <p>Click Save.</p> <p>Add a leading space with the appropriate nine-digit routing number following the space (e.g., [space]987654321).</p> <p>Click Save again.</p> <p>Only follows these steps when you need to add a space before a number that was previously saved.</p>
Company ID Type 5	Type the 10-digit code used to identify the LEA. This is either the employer identification number with a 0 added on the end of the number or a leading 1, depending on the vendor's bank.

Field	Description
Originating DFI ID Code	Type the eight-digit code used to identify the originating DFI. This is the LEA's bank routing number without the last digit.
Company ID Type 8	Type the 10-digit code used to identify the LEA. This is either the employer identification number with a 0 added on the end of the number or a leading 1, depending on the vendor's bank.
Employer Offset Account	Type the offset account number used to debit the LEA's bank account. This number is the LEA's payroll bank account number and will be included in the EFT file. Leave blank to exclude debits from the EFT file.
Immediate Origin	Type the 10-digit code used to identify the EFT sending point. There is a leading space plus the routing number for the LEA's bank.
Originator Status Code	Type the one-digit code used to identify the originator of the EFT tape. Valid codes for this field include the following: 1 - Originator is an ACH association member or originating DFI, subject to ACH rules 2 - Originator is a federal government entity or agency not subject to ACH rules 3 - Originator is not an ACH member or originating DFI, but subject to ACH rules
Bank Code	Click ▼ to select the assigned code for the LEA's bank.
ACH Service Class Code	Click ▼ to select one of the following codes: 200 - Mixed debits and credits - The EFT file includes 5200 and 8200 records indicating that the file could contain debit and credit amounts. 220 - Credits only - The EFT file includes 5220 and 8220 records indicating that the file only contains credit amounts.

☐ Click **Save**.


3. [Add/update bank information.](#)

Add/update Vendor Bank Information

[Finance](#) > [Maintenance](#) > [Vendor Information](#) > [Vendor Miscellaneous](#)

Add bank information for each vendor (or employee) doing business with the local education agency (LEA). If a vendor has bank information on file, the vendor can receive electronic payments via an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This bank information is also used for employee travel reimbursements.

☐ Under **Bank Information**, complete the bank information for each vendor record:

Bank	Begin typing a bank code or name. As you type the data, a drop-down list of corresponding data is displayed. The bank information must exist on the Finance > Tables > Bank Codes tab. Select a bank code. If the bank code or name is not known, click  to select a bank from the Banks lookup or press the SPACEBAR to view a list of banks.
Bank Acct Nbr	Type the corresponding bank account number for the selected bank.
Bank Acct Type	Select the account type for the selected bank and bank account number. <i>2 Checking account</i> <i>3 Savings account</i>
PreNote	Select to generate a prenote to the bank.

☐ Click **Save**.

4. [Post transaction for payment.](#)

Post Transaction(s)

[Finance > Maintenance > Postings > Check Processing - PA OR PO](#)

Create a transaction for an existing or new purchase authorization (PA) or purchase order (PO). By default, the **EFT** checkbox is automatically selected if the vendor retrieved has bank information on the [Finance > Maintenance > Vendor Information > Vendor Miscellaneous](#) tab and an EFT email address on the [Finance > Maintenance > Vendor Information > Vendor Name/Address](#) tab. If a check is necessary, unselect **EFT**.

Notes:

- The vendor must have bank information and an EFT email address on file to be eligible for an electronic funds transfer (EFT).
- The **EFT** checkbox is not displayed for purchase orders that were created using a credit card code.
- If **Separate Check** is selected, **EFT** is unselected. Leave **Print** selected as it allows the transactions to be included and processed during the check run.

5. Process checks.

Print Check(s)

Finance > Maintenance > Check Processing > Print Checks

Process all applicable computer checks/EFT transactions that are ready for the check cycle.

- ◻ Complete the Print Checks tab. The **Beginning EFT Reference Number** defaults to 00001 for the first time that EFT transactions are processed, and then increments each EFT run.

☐ Click **Preview**. The Vendor Check Processing page is displayed with a list of all transactions (PO, PA, and credit memo transactions are included) to be processed. All transactions listed are selected by default and included in the totals at the bottom of the page.

☐ Select the top-level checkbox to select/unselect the list of transactions. Or, select individual checkboxes to only select specific transactions.

The screenshot shows the 'Maintenance > Check Processing' page. At the top, there are tabs for 'PRINT CHECKS' and 'VOID CHECK'. Below these are buttons for 'Previous', 'Next', 'Cancel', and 'Check Signatures'. A message says 'Select vendors for printing checks. Click Next to view checks.' Below this is a table with columns: **Select**, **Vendor Number**, **Vendor Sort Key**, **Vendor Name**, **Check Amount**, **Trans Amount**, **Credit Amount**, **Separate Check**, **EFT Payment**, **PO / PA Number**, **Check Type**, and **Check Notes**. The table lists four transactions. The third transaction (Vendor Number 37301) is highlighted in green and has its 'EFT Payment' column checked. At the bottom, there are totals: 'Selected Check Amount Total: 10.00', 'Check Trans Amount Total: 10.00', and 'Credit Amount Total: 0.00'.

Select	Vendor Number	Vendor Sort Key	Vendor Name	Check Amount	Trans Amount	Credit Amount	Separate Check	EFT Payment	PO / PA Number	Check Type	Check Notes
<input type="checkbox"/>	11318			974.61	974.61	0.00	N	N			
<input type="checkbox"/>	21015			31,542.95	31,621.95	79.00	N	N			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	37301			10.00	10.00	0.00	N	Y			
<input type="checkbox"/>	40590			9,530.22	9,795.43	265.21	N	N			

Selected Check Amount Total: 10.00 Check Trans Amount Total: 10.00 Credit Amount Total: 0.00

☐ If printing checks, click **Check Signatures** to select the appropriate signature(s) to be printed on the checks.

The screenshot shows the 'Maintenance > Check Processing' page. At the top, there are tabs for 'PRINT CHECKS' and 'VOID CHECK'. Below these are buttons for 'Previous', 'Update', and 'Cancel'. A message says 'If a check did not print for any of the vendors listed, remove the check from the Post checkbox. Click Update to post the transactions.' Below this is a table with columns: **Post**, **Vendor Number**, **Vendor Sort Key**, **Vendor Name**, **Check Number**, **Check Amount**, **Separate Check**, **EFT Payment**, **PO / PA Number**, **Check Type**, and **Check Notes**. The table lists one transaction (Vendor Number 37301) with its 'Check Number' E00001 and 'EFT Payment' checked. At the bottom, there are totals: 'Selected Checks Amount Total: 0.00', 'EFT Amount Total: 10.00', and 'Total Amount: 10.00'.

Last Recorded Checks
Check Number: EFT Number: E00001

Report Options
☒ Fund Transfer Summary Report ☒ Credit Card Transfer Summary Report

If a check did not print for any of the vendors listed, remove the check from the Post checkbox. Click Update to post the transactions.

Post	Vendor Number	Vendor Sort Key	Vendor Name	Check Number	Check Amount	Separate Check	EFT Payment	PO / PA Number	Check Type	Check Notes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	37301			E00001	10.00	N	Y			

Selected Checks Amount Total: 0.00 EFT Amount Total: 10.00 Total Amount: 10.00



TIP: The total of the Fund Transfer will match the total of all transactions processed.

6. Create EFT file.

Print Check(s)

[Finance > Maintenance > Check Processing > Print Checks](#)

Process all applicable computer checks/EFT transactions that are ready for the check cycle.

- ☐ Complete the Print Checks tab. The **Beginning EFT Reference Number** defaults to 00001 for the first time that EFT transactions are processed, and then increments each EFT run.
- ☐ Click **Preview**. The Vendor Check Processing page is displayed with a list of all transactions (PO, PA, and credit memo transactions are included) to be processed. All transactions listed are selected by default and included in the totals at the bottom of the page.
- ☐ Select the top-level checkbox to select/unselect the list of transactions. Or, select individual checkboxes to only select specific transactions.

Select	Vendor Number	Vendor Sort Key	Vendor Name	Check Amount	Trans Amount	Credit Amount	Separate Check	EFT Payment	PO / PA Number	Check Type	Check Notes
<input type="checkbox"/>	11318			974.61	974.61	0.00	N	N			
<input type="checkbox"/>	21015			31,542.95	31,621.95	79.00	N	N			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	37301			10.00	10.00	0.00	N	Y			
<input type="checkbox"/>	40590			9,530.22	9,795.43	265.21	N	N			

Selected Check Amount Total: 10.00 Check Trans Amount Total: 10.00 Credit Amount Total: 0.00

- ☐ If printing checks, click **Check Signatures** to select the appropriate signature(s) to be printed on the checks.

Maintenance > Check Processing

PRINT CHECKS **VOID CHECK**

Previous Update Cancel

Last Recorded Checks
Check Number: EFT Number: E00001

Report Options
☒ Fund Transfer Summary Report
 ☒ Credit Card Transfer Summary Report

If a check did not print for any of the vendors listed, remove the check from the Post checkbox. Click Update to post the transactions.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post	Vendor Number	Vendor Sort Key	Vendor Name	Check Number	Check Amount	Separate Check	EFT Payment	PO / PA Number	Check Type	Check Notes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	37301			E00001	10.00	N	Y			

Selected Checks Amount Total: 0.00 **EFT Amount Total: 10.00** Total Amount: 10.00



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