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The purpose of this document is to guide you through the process of assigning a Unique ID using the **TSDS Unique ID** button in Registration. This functionality works in conjunction with the Texas Student Data System (TSDS). TSDS uses web services for Unique ID and for the Data Transmission Utility (DTU) allowing ASCENDER to interact directly with their Unique ID application to assign Unique IDs.

Prior to using the **TSDS Unique ID** button in ASCENDER, the LEA's designated TEAL user must obtain web service access. See **Obtain Web Service Access** in the **Before You Begin** section of this document.

This document assumes you are familiar with the basic features of the ASCENDER Student system and have reviewed the ASCENDER Student Overview guide.

IMPORTANT: Each LEA will have unique situations. Some of the dates, images, and examples provided in this document are for informational and instructional purposes only and may not completely represent your LEA's process.

Before You Begin

Review the following:

Terms:

TSDS Unique ID/TX Unique Student ID/Unique ID	The unique number assigned to a student member by TEA's Texas Student Data System (TSDS) Unique ID system. This ID is used for internal and state reporting purposes.
TEA	Texas Education Agency
TEAL	Texas Education Agency Login
SAM	Service Account Manager status in TEAL that provides one access to manage TSDS service accounts for the LEA.
Service Account	An account managed through TEAL allowing an LEA to use a specific web service. A service account must be set up by the Service Account Manager. The service account provides user name and password credentials that can be entered into a web application via an administrative interface to enable the application to use the web service.
Web Service	The web service references the specific TEA application to which the service account has access. For the purpose of this guide, the **Application** is *Uniq-ID Web Services*.

Helpful Links:

TEA	https://tea.texas.gov/
TEAL	https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/

Obtain Web Service Access

The TSDS Unique ID Web Services allows the transfer of information using an approved service account and valid credentials to authenticate access. These credentials are acquired by request using Texas Education Agency Login (TEAL). TEAL serves as the secure link between entities and provides access to various TEA web services such as Unique ID. This access must be requested by the individual at the LEA with TEAL access. This TEAL user must ensure the following steps are accomplished in order to create a web services account.

- Each LEA that will be using the Unique ID Web Service must designate at least one Service Account Manager (SAM), whose access must first be approved by the TEAL Approver.
- The designated Service Account Manager (SAM) is responsible for creating and managing service accounts, which are also approved by the TEAL Approver, for each web service used.

For detailed information about requesting Service Account Manager status and creating and managing service accounts in TEAL, reference the following documents:

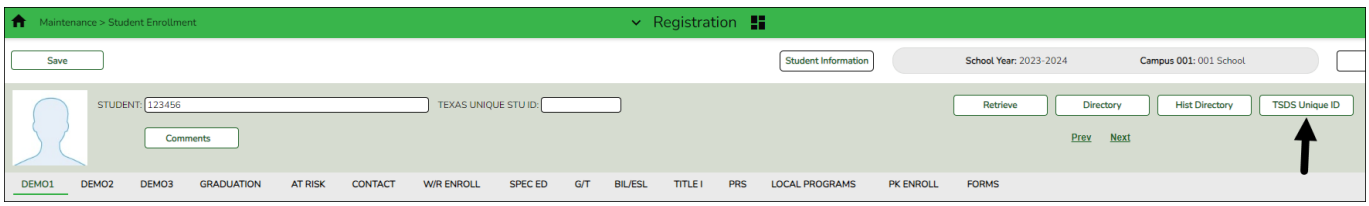
- How to Create and Manage TSDS Web Service Accounts in TEAL
- TEAL Quick Reference for Creating and Managing TSDS Web Service Accounts

After a Service Account Manager (SAM) is designated and approved, and has requested a new service account, identified the Unique ID Web Service will use the new service account, and received the web service user name and password from TEAL, the LEA can begin using the **TSDS Unique ID** button in ASCENDER to assign Texas Unique Student IDs.

Assign a TSDS Unique ID Process

Registration > Maintenance > Student Enrollment

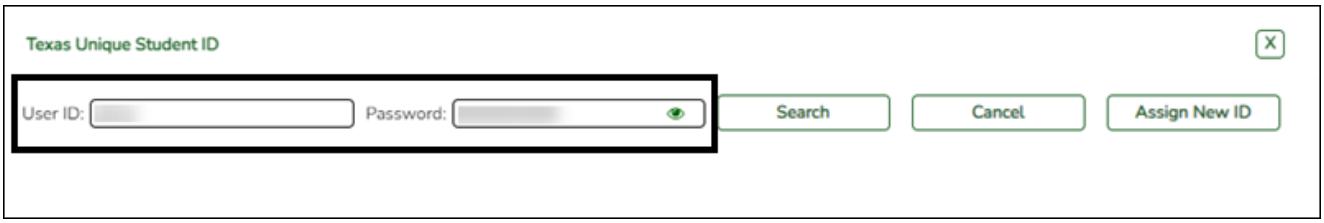
Retrieve an existing student record or use the Student Enrollment Help page to create a new student record. A new student record must be saved prior to assigning a Unique ID. This allows the students's demographic information to be validated in the TSDS Unique ID application.



❑ Click **TSDS Unique ID**. The Texas Unique Student ID pop-up window is displayed.

- In the **User ID** and **Password** fields, type the user ID and password for the service account

using the Unique ID Web Service. This is the user ID and password provided by TEAL.



- Click **Search** to search through the TSDS Unique ID database. If the student has never been assigned a TX Unique ID, a message is displayed indicating that the Unique ID cannot be found with the provided credentials.
- Click **Assign New ID**. If the record contains the necessary demographic information (**Student ID**, **Last Name**, **First Name**, **SSN** and **DOB**), the student's information is displayed and a Unique ID is generated.

- **Student ID**
- **Tx Unique Student ID** - Displays the Unique ID.
- **Last Name**
- **First Name**
- **SSN**
- **DOB**
- **Status** - Displays the status of the Unique ID record from the Unique ID Web Service. This status varies based on the individual student's record.

- Review the row(s) of employee data, select the radio button for the correct employee row and click **Assign New ID**. The Unique ID is populated in the **Texas Unique Student ID** field on the Demographic Information tab.

- Click X to close the Texas Unique Staff ID pop-up window and return to the Demographic Information tab.
- Click **Cancel** to cancel the process. The pop-up window is closed and the Unique ID is not populated on the Demographic Information tab.

Note: If you click **Cancel**, the Unique ID that was generated for the employee will remain assigned to that employee in the Unique ID Web Services. This allows you to revisit the employee's record at a later time and assign the Unique ID in ASCENDER.

❑ Click **Save** to assign and save the Texas Unique Staff ID to the employee's record in Personnel.

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