



# Eagle Software Newsletter

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## Welcome to a New School Year!

Eagle Software would like to extend our welcome to all Aeries Users for the 2007-2008 school year. We also want to thank everyone for making Aeries the most popular student information system in California. Aeries is now used by almost 400 districts and education agencies state wide. Eagle Software appreciates your ongoing support.

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## Fall 2007 Users' Conference – October 22 - 23 at the Sacramento Convention Center

The Fall 2007 Users' Conference, which will be held October 22-23, 2007 at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, CA, has reached capacity. **We will be unable to accept additional registrations due to space constraints.** There will be **no walkup** registrations accepted at the Conference. **Please Note:** The Eagle Software block of rooms at the Sheraton Grand Sacramento and the Best Western Sutter House have both sold out.

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## CBEDS Day Reminder

CBEDS day this year is Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are no major changes to this year's CBEDS report, so the Aeries documentation has not been changed. There are minor changes regarding the Graduate and Dropout counts, which are now determined from a district's CSIS Annual Maintenance Submission and not from CBEDS. Districts should maintain the same processes and procedures that they have used in previous years to submit their CBEDS data to the CDE.

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## CSIS Changes for Fall Submission and Annual Maintenance

This fall the CBEDS report and CSIS Fall Submission will change due to the ongoing transition to CALPADS at the state level. The major change this year will be that ALL districts state-wide will be reporting their Graduate and Dropout information through CSIS during the Annual Maintenance Submission. This information will be in addition to the student counts by school that were transitioned to CSIS last fall. The Graduate counts also include the need for all districts to populate Independent Study participations in PGM with code 111 (for the Independent Study Graduates count) and the UC/CSU Course Completer fields (for the UC/CSU Course Completer Graduates count). The UC/CSU Course Completer fields can be mass populated by using the macro called: "Update College Entrance Reqmts" at the school level. This must be done in last year's high school databases and requires that your A-G flags in Course data are populated correctly.

All CSIS Fall Submission and Annual Maintenance documents on our website have been updated to include the latest instructions on populating data in Aeries and submitting your FS OR SM submissions to CSIS. This includes details about how to use the new Student End of Year Status field.

## CSIS Best Practices Cohort Receives Funding

Districts now have a great way to help improve their data management and make CSIS processing quicker and easier. The Best Practices Cohort can provide eligible districts funding for a variety of reasons. Eagle Software encourages all eligible districts to evaluate the Best Practices Cohort and sign up. More information can be found at <http://www.csis.k12.ca.us/bp-cohort/>.

## CSIS Resources

Eagle Software Support is available to answer questions about the Aeries features that support requests for CSIS Identifiers as well as submitting the annual Enrollment Update. Additionally, Eagle Software recommends that everyone dealing with the CSIS submission be a participant in the CSIS SSID Listserv. You can sign up at: <http://www.csis.k12.ca.us/listserv/>. As you go through the submission process, you may have questions. CSIS has excellent resources for figuring out errors and data discrepancies that are outside of the scope of Eagle Software Support. Here are a few links:

Annual Maintenance FAQ: <http://www.csis.k12.ca.us/faq/SSID-AM-QA.asp>

Online Training: <http://www.csis.k12.ca.us/e-learning/ssid-registration/default.asp>

SSID Documents: <http://www.csis.k12.ca.us/library/statewide-identifier/si-documents.asp>

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## Aeries\_Talk Listserv

Last year, a listserv for Aeries users was created to allow Aeries users to communicate easily with one another. This listserv is completely managed by a District Employee who uses Aeries, NOT by Eagle Software. This allows you the freedom to ask other districts questions about how they accomplish certain tasks. It is not a replacement for normal Aeries Support, but occasionally, an Eagle Software representative may provide input to the listserv. To sign up and participate, go to [http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/aeries\\_talk/](http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/aeries_talk/) and click Join This Group.

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## Email System SPAM Filtering

In order for Eagle Software to best support your district, please make sure that your district or county (whoever is running your SPAM filter) adds the "aeries.com" domain to the Safe Senders list. Eagle Software often sends out important information through a "mass email" process that may not be able to be delivered because of your SPAM filters.

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## Please Help Us Keep Your District Information Current

Has Your District Information Changed? Please take a moment to notify Eagle Software when information about your District changes (i.e. Contact names change due to things like retirement, change of position, address/phone numbers, school information including new schools etc.). An email is the best way to notify Eagle Software when changes occur. Please contact Lucille Stephenson at [Lucille@aeries.com](mailto:Lucille@aeries.com) or (888) 487-7555. Please help us keep our records up to date so that we can better assist your District.

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## Access 2007 and Windows Vista

We have identified some serious issues with Aeries not running properly with Access 2007 and/or under Windows Vista. Be aware that both of these applications have a completely new look and feel that will require you to do additional training with your staff.

We have made the necessary changes to Aeries and are continuing to BETA test them. However, we have had limited interest from Aeries Districts to participate in the BETA testing. If you are currently using either Windows Vista

and/or Access 2007 with Aeries, or are testing the feasibility of doing so, please contact us at [info@aeries.com](mailto:info@aeries.com) or (888) 487-7555 to discuss being involved in the testing. While we are hoping to release these changes soon as part of an update, we will not do so until we are confident they will have zero effect on the rest of our users! Also, we would still encourage all Aeries schools/districts to delay upgrading to these newest versions of Access and Windows at least until the first service pack is released for them.

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## End of Life for Access '97 & 2000 Versions of Aeries

As these two versions of Access are no longer supported by Microsoft, Eagle Software has made the decision to stop supporting versions of Aeries made using them this year (2007).

We will continue to make critical fixes to the older versions of Aeries through December 2007, but we encourage everyone still on the older versions of Access to upgrade to a newer version as soon as possible.

**Please Note:** We have re-arranged the Updates page placing the Aeries Client Server version and the Access 2002/2003 versions of Aeries at the top of the page.

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## Major Enhancements to the CAHSEE Pre-ID

The look and feel of the **CAHSEE Pre-ID** form has been modified to be more User friendly. We have added tabs at the top of the form to help separate out the different data that is loaded into the CAHSEE file. The **Load Records** tab is a NEW form that contains various selections to be made that will apply to **ALL** students loaded. However, the majority of changes made to the form do not affect the process involved in creating the CAHSEE file. Additional information can be found at [CHASEE Pre ID Changes for 2007](#).

The CAHSEE Test Results program has also been modified to support the 2007 Data File Layout which will be posted on the Aeries web site and available to download on September 28.

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## Apreda Test Results 2007 Data File Layout

The Import Fixed Length Files program has now been modified to support the new 2007 Apreda Data File Layout. The program was modified to import Test Scores and Special Conditions. Additional information can be found at [Apreda 2007 Data File Layout](#).

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## STAR Test Results 2007 Data File Layout

The STAR Test Results program has been modified to support the 2007 Data File Layout. Due to key fields such as testing grade now being placed in the REC2 file, it must be loaded first. In addition to the CST, CAT-6 and CAPA test scores, there is also the EAP status and a new STS test (Standards-based Tests in Spanish). Additional information can be found at [STAR Test Results for 2007](#).

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## NEW Import Layout for SAT College Bound for Seniors

We are currently in the process of modifying the Import Fixed Length File program to now handle importing the SAT College Bound Seniors file. This import contains a totally different layout than the current SAT College Test layout that is available within Aeries.

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## GATE Information Form

GATE is now a new form in Aeries. This is an area for tracking all aspects of the GATE process for students, from referral to evaluation, to final approval, and eligibility tracking. Additional information can be found at [Gate Information Form](#).

## Aeries New Feature Highlights

### o New ABI Features:

- Student Multi Data Profile Report is now available in ABI
- Interventions, Retentions, Counseling, Visitation, Fees and Fines and Dental are now available to teachers
- Standards Based Grade Reporting now honors the concept of multiple teachers being assigned to different standards on a student
- Print Content Standards by Class Report is now available for elementary teachers

More information is available at [New ABI Features](#)

### o Standards Based Grade Reporting:

SBG now allows elementary schools that use a Master Schedule to set up standards with courses linked to them. With this information configured, when creating/updating the Standards Based Grades table, the “pull-out” teacher will be assigned to the standards that are associated with the course that they teach. The students’ primary teacher will continue to be assigned to all standards except for those that are assigned to the pull-out course. A new table (SBR – Standards Based Courses) has been added to store these course-standards links. An ABI update is also available to allow the “pull-out” teachers to update Standards Based Grades for their students.

Please refer to the [Major Revision Notes](#) and [Detailed Revision Notes](#) for more information on other Aeries new features.

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## Support Documentation

The Aeries web site contains valuable documentation that can assist you with using the programs that are available within Aeries. This documentation can be downloaded from the Aeries web site **Downloads** page. You can link to these files from **Tech Support** link at [www.aeries.com](http://www.aeries.com) and then use the [Download Procedure Documentation](#) link. To assist you with becoming familiar with the available documentation, **A Listing of Aeries Documentation** displays at the very top of the page which contains the [Public Documentation List](#). This list is a valuable tool that can be downloaded and utilized to assist you with locating documented procedures.

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## Eagle Software’s Calendar

For future reference Eagle Software will be closed in observance of the following Holidays:

- Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday) – November 22, 2007 and November 23, 2007
- Winter Holidays Schedule:

Our office schedule will be as follows:

	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thur</b>	<b>Fri</b>
Dec. 17 – 21	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Dec. 24 – 28	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>
Dec. 31 – Jan 4	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Holiday</b>	Open	Open	Open

Our office will resume normal business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2008.