



# Eagle Software Newsletter



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## Holiday Greetings!

The Eagle Software staff would like to wish you a happy, peaceful and joyous holiday season. Our office schedule will be as follows:

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

## Spring 2008 Users' Conference – March 10 - 11 at the Ontario Convention Center

Don't forget to register for the **Eagle Software Users' Conference** to be held in Ontario, CA at the Ontario Convention Center on March 10 & 11, 2008. The registration forms and materials have been mailed. You may also download registration materials at [Conference](#). The **early registration fee** deadline is January 30, 2008. The regular registration deadline is on or before February 15, 2008. Final registration deadline is February 22, 2008 **or when capacity has been reached**. Check the registration materials for details. **Past conferences have sold out, so register early!** There will be **no walkup** registrations accepted at the Conference.

If you are in need of overnight accommodations, a block of rooms with a group rate is available at the Doubletree Hotel Ontario (909) 937-0900. To receive the special Eagle Software group rate, you must register with the Doubletree Hotel by February 23, 2008 and you must mention **Eagle Software** when you make your room reservation. These rooms also sell out early so don't wait!

For those who register to attend the Conference, a confirmation letter will be mailed with all the necessary details by February 22nd. Early check in will be available on Sunday, March 9, 2008 at the Doubletree Hotel. Please check your confirmation letter for the location and time.

## Regional Workshops:

Please check our website at [Aeries Regional Workshops](#) for a calendar of scheduled workshops and registration information. Workshops will be presented using a lecture format with a single computer and projection unit.

Eagle Software regional workshops are offered on a variety of topics throughout the year. Currently there are several workshops being offered, including **Student Scheduling** and **Summer School** (please scroll down the page for these workshops). Some of the current workshops offered already have limited space available.

## **Sending Us Your Data (“Zip-it” before you “Ship-it”)**

When sending any large files to Eagle Software we recommend using our Uploads process, as it works best in most situations. Reminder: please “zip” your database before you send it to us! We accept files of type: .ZIP, .RAR, and .TGZ.

Note: We are no longer going to accept large e-mail attachments!

If you are sending a very large file (District or SQL database), sending it to our FTP-site may be more practical. Note: We will ONLY allow files of the type specified above after December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007!

Regarding SQL databases – please note that we do not want nor need your LOG-file, so please compact/truncate it prior to sending us your SQL database. It takes up a lot of space, and causes the file to take much longer to send. Also, please include your District name in your ‘zip’ file, so we can more easily identify the data we are receiving.

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## **Aeries Mobile Builds in Popularity**

More and more Aeries clients are implementing Aeries Mobile. This great feature of Aeries expands the access to student information for the schools and district. Aeries Mobile puts Student Information like Emergency Contacts, Medical Information, and Class Schedules into the hands of school personnel, 24 hours a day, wherever they go. To see if Aeries Mobile is right for your school or district, read more at: [Aeries Mobile Information](#).

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## **Physical Fitness**

Many new enhancements to the Physical Fitness exam process are scheduled to be added to Aeries this school year. Eagle Software is planning to allow teachers to be able to enter test scores directly through ABI. Additionally, the school or district will be able to identify the specific tests that are to be given so that PE teachers will know which assessments to give students, and will not be able to enter results for unapproved assessments.

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## **STAR Pre-ID Process Updated for 2007-08**

The STAR Pre-ID Process has been updated for the 2007-08 record layout and rules (dated 10/05/2007). There have been changes for two new data requirements for the Pre-ID data that will be loaded into the STAR file. Please check over your data in the PRE table carefully. New enhancements have also been made to the STAR Pre-ID form. Updated documentation for the program changes is available on our downloads/testing and assessment page:

[Star Pre-ID 2007-08](#).

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## **Redesigned Student Data Form – New Tabs**

Two new tabs have been added to the Student Data form to access the Other Student Data and Secondary Student Data that was previously located on the Supplemental Form. A new form has been created for Miscellaneous Student Data (Activities/Awards, Authorizations/Prohibitions, Record Access Log, and Rejoinders), and a link to it has been placed on the Students Form (letter M). This change has now returned the Supplemental Form to its original purpose to only show the District’s user-defined data.

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## **2007-08 CELDT Updates**

The 2007-08 CELDT file can now be loaded into Aeries. A new test part (part 7) has been added to store a new flag that indicates whether the student has “Met the CELDT Criterion” and will be loaded into Raw Score. The flag will either be a 1 for “Met CELDT Criterion” or 0 for “Not Met CELDT Criterion.”

## Mass Update Test Records – New Form

The Mass Update Test Records form provides the capability for calculating a true percent correct and storing it in the TST.PR field. This form can be utilized to calculate a percentage when one is not provided in State test results. It can also be used to recalculate percentages out to 4 decimal places. The data used for these calculations will be stored in the new Testing Number Possible (TNP) table, which is accessible from a tab on the Testing Control Table form.

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## New Testing and Assessment Form

A new Testing and Assessment Form has been added to Aeries that will now allow easy access from one form to all Test Pre-ID programs, Test Load programs, Student Assessment and Testing Forms and reports. This new form is now accessible from the Aeries Control Panel in both the School and District version of Aeries.

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## Standards Based Grade Reporting – Elementary With Master Schedule

Standards Based Grade Reporting now allows elementary schools that use a master schedule to setup standards with courses linked to them. With this information configured, when creating/updating the Standards Based Grade 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.

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## Aeries Control Panels Enhancements

The Aeries Control Panels have been enhanced to include easy access to valuable programs and reports. New buttons have now been added to the form. The School (SCH) version now has a button that will access the new Testing and Assessment Form, and the Elementary level will also have a button that will access the Standards Based Grade Reporting. The District (DST) version now has buttons for the Staff, Teachers, Courses, Attendance Data, and Testing and Assessment Forms.

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## Aeries New Feature Highlights

- The CAHSEE Test Results program has been modified to support the 2007 Data File Layout.
- The Import Fixed Length Files program has been modified to support the new 2007 Apenda Data File Layout.
- The STAR Test Results program has been modified to support the 2007 Data File Layout.

Please refer to the [Major Revision Notes](#) and [Detailed Revision Notes](#) for more information.

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## Eagle Software’s Calendar

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

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday – Monday, January 21, 2008
- President’s Day – Monday, February 18, 2008
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 26, 2008
- Independence Day – Friday, July 4, 2008
- Labor Day – Monday, September 1, 2008