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Eagle Software Thanks You For Another Great Year!

Eagle Software continues to grow and expand, and we are grateful to each of you for our business relationship. This year we have welcomed an additional 44 educational agencies as new clients, bringing the total number of Aeries Districts in the State to over 420. Aeries is the most used Student Information System in California.

Eagle Software is Moving:

As we have continued to grow, we have added staff to the Eagle Software team, and we have reached the capacity of our current office location. Therefore, Eagle Software is very excited to announce that we will be moving within the next few months to a new office location (an Anaheim address) approximately eight miles from our current location. A formal announcement with the new address (etc.) will be provided via post card and other separate mailings to key contacts in the near future. The "888" telephone numbers will not change, and Eagle Software will do everything possible to make the office move transparent to you. More information will be forthcoming.

Fall 2008 Users' Conference – October 20 - 21 at the Sacramento Convention Center:

The Fall 2008 Users' Conference will be held October 20-21, 2008 at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, CA. The registration information is being mailed this week. If you do not receive a copy of the registration, you can download all the information from the website at [Fall 2008 Users Conference](#).

Summer School:

Many of you are getting ready to create your Summer School Databases. We have an excellent document on our web site that provides a great guideline for the whole process which is the [Summer School](#) documentation. These procedures are only a guideline on setting up summer school. If there are unfamiliar procedures, such as scheduling or period attendance, please review the Reference Manuals, available on Eagle Software's Web Site on the Downloads page, prior to contacting Aeries Support for assistance.

Creating Next Year's Database:

It's time again to prepare for the New Year Rollover. The first important step is to become familiar with this critical process. Procedural documentation is available from the Downloads page on the Eagle Software Web Site. It is strongly recommended that you download and review the Procedural Documentation. Documents are available for both the [Secondary](#) and [Elementary](#) procedures. There are also various documents on our Client Server page that provide valuable information for the different steps involved in the [Client Server Rollover](#). Review the documents that are available and apply to your district.

New-Year Rollover Tip - Updating The Next Grade Field:

Some districts do not bring their feeder school students into the current year, but wait until the new year to perform this function. In this case Aeries does not automatically add one to the next grade level. To prevent students from having incorrect grade levels in the new year (and also in the current year scheduling when scheduling using next years grade level) be sure to compare the students' next grade levels with their current grade levels.

Physical Fitness Changes - 2008:

The State now requires that students meet the Healthy Fitness Zone in 5 out of 6 categories in order to pass the Physical Fitness Test. We have added new fields to the Physical Fitness Table (PFT) that are used to determine if a student has passed the Physical Fitness Test. The new fields appear on the Physical Fitness Results form, which includes Body Mass Index, Walk Test, Pass Status, and Pass Comment fields. The Body Mass Index and Walk Test fields are calculated fields that are utilized in the Pass Calculation. They appear on the form but are not stored in the PFT table. The Pass Status field indicates whether a student has passed the Physical Fitness test. It compares the student's physical fitness scores to the Healthy Fitness Zone to determine whether or not the student passed. If data is hand entered from the form, the field will automatically be updated. If scan sheets are used, there is an Update button on the form to run a mass update against all students. For more information please see the documentation on our website: [Physical Fitness 2008](#).

Golden State Seal Merit Diploma:

This new feature will allow you to generate a report for all 12th grade students who qualify for the Golden State Seal Merit Diploma. This report can be generated for students in any or all grade levels to determine the remaining requirements that must be met for a student to qualify, as well as generated for students selected on the form. The calculations for this report will default to use the CST test and specific part numbers that are available in the Testing Control Table for each Qualifying Exam, but will allow you to select specific part numbers to be used in this calculation. For more information please see: [Golden State Seal Merit Diploma](#)

Off Campus Pass and Re-admit Slip:

Two new attendance reports can print the Off Campus Pass and Re-Admit Slip from a receipt printer that is 2.75" wide, or can also print them on a laser printer.

- The Re-Admit program will locate the last date the student has an attendance record entered. The date range will display and default to this date. This attendance record will print along with specific student information.
- The Off Campus Pass can print notes from the Attendance Notes form, indicating the student has permission to be off campus. A Time to Leave and Approval field can display on the Attendance Note form for specific codes. The Attendance Notes codes (ATN.CD) must be setup with a 1.00 entered in the Amount field from the Update Code Table form. For more information please see: [Off Campus Pass and Re-Admit Slip](#)

Individualized Academic Plan:

The Individualized Academic Plan is a new form, the first step towards the development of our new Individualized Academic Plan module. This new form will assist Districts with planning each student's academic plan, and will allow users to enter future course requests. The course requests will be stored in a new Academic Plan Course Requests (APC) table. Any changes made to a student's future course request plan will be logged in a new Academic Plan Log (APL) table. For more information please see: [Individualized Academic Plan](#)

Letters to Parents Form Enhancements:

Major enhancements have been made to the Letters to Parents Form:

- Option to display class totals instead of period (for A/B Days and M-W-F type classes)
- Combine All-Day and Period codes for counts
- The Letter Text Editor will allow fields to be added into the letter from STU or any one-to-one STU-related table (SUP, SSD, IMM, LAC, CSE)

For more information please see the [Letters to Parents and Letter Log](#) documentation.

Carl Perkins 101-E2 Summary Report:

The Carl Perkins 101-E2 report is a new summary that can be generated from the Carl Perkins form. This report will include only 12th Grade students that were reported as Vocational Completers on the Carl Perkins 101-E1 report generated in October. Four new fields have been added to the SSD table to store data from Student Surveys that indicate whether these students are now Active Duty in the Military, engaged in further education, or employed full time or part time, and if so, is the employment related to their field of study. This data from the survey is used for calculating the various column totals on this report. For more information please see: [Carl Perkins 101-E2 Report](#)

McKinney-Vento Report:

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Funding is a new District report that provides totals for active students that are flagged in the Homeless Program (SSD.HMT) field. This report allows you to specify which schools and special attendance programs will be used in the calculation. An option is also available that will allow you to select a specific grade level that will be calculated into the report for Pre-Kindergarten students. The report will default to be generated as a summary report, but does have the option to be generated as a detail report. The detail report will print every student included in the calculation. For additional information please see [McKinney-Vento Report](#).

Electronic Teacher Signatures:

Eagle Software was pleased to see a recent letter from State Superintendent Jack O'Connell concerning a pilot program for Electronic Teacher Signatures. Eagle Software has been working with the CDE and the Department of Fiscal Services to create a standard by which to allow systems like Aeries to manage, store, and verify attendance that has been electronically signed by teachers. This system would replace the need for teachers to physically sign weekly attendance sheets and for the school to store those sheets until an auditor asks for them. This is something that many districts have been requesting for a long time. Eagle Software has identified a couple of pilot districts to work with and we are continuing to work with the CDE to move this system forward.

New ABI Features:

Physical Fitness: Physical Fitness Test Results can now be entered through ABI. There is a new tab in the ABI Options for "Fitness" where the options can be setup. After everything is turned ON, PE teachers will see a new tab under the Grades section of ABI where they will be able to enter the results for this year's Physical Fitness test. There is documentation on this feature and the new Physical Fitness Setup table in Aeries at: [Physical Fitness](#).

Activities and Awards: Activities and Awards is now accessible through ABI. Teacher's accounts can be configured to enter new records and counselor-style accounts can be given permission to add, edit, or delete records from the ACT table.

Class Labels: ABI Class Labels have been enhanced to better support printing from IE 7 and Firefox. If you have had problems in the past printing from these environments, these recent changes should help fit everything onto those labels.

Student Assignments: ABI now allows students to be able to turn in their assignments online. Students need to be given permissions to upload files to ABI in the ABI Options application. Teachers can then turn on the option for an assignment to "Allow drop Box." **Note:** The File Upload feature is only available for AeriesCS districts.

Regional Workshops:

Please make it a habit to regularly check our website at [Aeries Regional Workshops](#) for a calendar of scheduled workshops and registration information. Our regional workshops are offered on a variety of topics throughout the year, and we are in the planning stages for additional workshops at this time. The workshops will be presented using a lecture format with a single computer and projection unit, and there is limited space available.

Eagle Software's Calendar:

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

- Memorial Day – Monday, May 26, 2008
- Independence Day – Friday, July 4, 2008
- Labor Day – Monday, September 1, 2008
- Thanksgiving – (Thursday and Friday) - November 27, 2008 and November 28, 2008
- Winter Holidays Schedule – To be announced