



# 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 2010-2011 school year. Eagle Software expresses our gratitude to each Aeries User for the opportunity to assist you in serving students, parents, teachers, administrators and support staff all across California. Eagle Software recently achieved another significant milestone. Aeries is now used by over 3,800 schools in **over 500 districts** and educational agencies, serving over 2.5 million students. Thank you for partnering with us to make Aeries the most widely used Student Information System in California.

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## Fall 2010 Users' Conference – Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> at the Sacramento Convention Center:

The Fall 2010 Users' Conference will be held October 11 - 12, 2010 at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, CA. If you have not received a copy of the registration, you can download all the information from the website at [Fall Conference Registration](#).

**The deadline for late registration is September 30, 2010.**

The Users' Conference will offer 3 different types of **CALPADS Sessions**:

- **CALPADS in Aeries** will go over the data population rules for this year's FALL 2 CALPADS Reporting.
- **CALPADS Data Submission** will go over the common errors districts encounter while processing data in CALPADS and suggest resolutions.
- **CALPADS After-Hours** session will include representation from the CSIS/CALPADS Support Team and will offer an opportunity to ask questions about Aeries, CALPADS, or procedural steps in either system. No other event will give you as much access to both Aeries and CALPADS specialists.

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## ASP Hosted Aeries Solution Now Available:

Eagle Software now offers Aeries Student Information System in a fully hosted ASP (Application Service Provider) environment! If you prefer not to manage your database and hardware locally, consider having Eagle Software do it for you! Aeries can be configured as a fully hosted solution for private/charter schools and small to mid-sized districts that prefer not to manage these efforts locally. For more information please call Eagle Software Sales & Marketing at (888) 487-7555 or send email to [sales@aeries.com](mailto:sales@aeries.com).

## CALPADS Information:

Eagle Software is continuing to support districts with the CALPADS process. The Create CALPADS Extracts form in Aeries was updated recently with the following changes:

- **Fall 2 (Beta)** – The Fall 2 (Beta) tab is labeled as a Beta and will be refined as we learn more information from the Fall 2 UAT participants. As you prepare for the Fall 2 CALPADS submission, use the available documentation on the website to help populate all the data related to Staff, Courses, and the Master Schedule. You will also need a clean Course Attendance (CAR) Table so use the “Print Course Attendance Audit Listing” report to find and correct any errors. This report has been added to the Attendance Cycle in Period attendance schools and at the district level.
- **Direct Certification** – The Direct Certification tab will allow users to import the CALPADS Direct Certification files into the Free and Reduced table.
- The **Enrollment Update Extract** has been adjusted to include students with a Summer Withdrawal Reason (STU.SWR) when the option to “Extract All Data This Year” is selected. Pre-Enrolled No Show students (Exit Reason 470) will also be included and will use the day before the start of school as the no show date reported to CALPADS. Be sure that students who were scheduled to attend your school at the start of the year, but who never showed up are properly coded in Aeries. Several documents are available on the website with information on how to set up the No Show Setup form and how to correctly withdraw students from a school or district.

[No Show Setup Options.pdf](#)

[CALPADS Student Withdrawal Data Population Guide.pdf](#)

We suggest that districts check our website often for new or updated documentation, important CALPADS dates, and updates to the [CALPADS FAQ](#). We also recommend districts join the [Aeries Talk Listserv](#). The Aeries\_Talk Listserv is not run by Eagle Software. It is moderated by Aeries users and should not be viewed as a mechanism for contacting Eagle Software for Aeries Support.

In order to resolve issues based upon changes with CALPADS, updates may come out more frequently than in the past. Please check the Detailed Revision Notes and the “CALPADS Information” form in Aeries frequently, and ensure that the latest revision is being used before creating extracts to submit to CALPADS.

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## New Aeries Videos Available:

Eagle Software provides informational videos on several Aeries topics as part of your standard software support. These videos are located and can be accessed on our website at [Aeries Training Videos](#). We have recently added new videos covering Attendance – “P1, P2, EOY Reporting” and Scheduling – “Groups and Teams.” Existing videos are being enhanced and we are currently working on new topics.

**Also coming soon – CALPADS in Aeries training videos.**

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## RSS Feeds for Aeries Updates:

We have added a new feature to the Aeries.com website: RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feeds for the files available on the updates page. On our website you will see a little “RSS” icon next to each section. Click on it to view the feed and click on the “Subscribe” link to register the feed on your computer. It will show up in your browser’s RSS Feeds and depending on your Outlook Settings, will also display under the RSS area of Outlook. When you subscribe to the various Aeries Update RSS Feeds, you will get notified through that feed when any downloadable file on the Updates page gets modified. The feed will display the revision notes included with any update to the core update files (UpdateCS.exe, UpdateXP.exe, AeriesNetUpdate.zip, and UpdateABI.zip) for that version. Please see the training video at [RSS Training Video](#).

## Online Registration Coming Soon!

Eagle Software is currently beta testing an online, web-based student registration system. The Aeries Internet Registration (AIR) system is a new component, complementing Aeries. A website will allow parents / guardians to enter registration data for new students. Information entered by the parent such as: basic student demographics, contacts, and medical information, are stored in a separate, secure database. Various options can be customized allowing districts to tailor the presentation of registration information to be completed by the parents.

Questions are presented to parents in an easy to use "wizard" style interface that will step them through the process. The system also verifies and validates many fields, helping to prevent data entry errors. Utilizing AIR will free up time of school personnel who currently spend countless hours doing data entry for new students, allowing them to concentrate on other important tasks. Functionality is also being added to Aeries to allow schools to view newly registered students and import them into their Aeries database. Additional information will be made available to all of our customers when AIR is publicly available. Eagle Software anticipates that the AIR system will be made available in the Fall of 2010.

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## Aeries Mobile is Coming to the iPhone:

A version of Aeries Mobile for the iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad platforms is currently being beta tested. This new application duplicates the features available in the current Aeries Mobile application for Windows Mobile. It is designed for use by school and district administrators for accessing student data where the device has internet or network access. Although the application is currently available in the Apple App Store, server-side components need to be installed on district servers to make the system work. Pricing for this version of Aeries Mobile is consistent with current pricing for the Windows Mobile version. When the iPhone version of Aeries Mobile is made publicly available, an email notice will be sent out to all users. For a first glance at this system see the following document:

[Aeries Mobile iPhone Documentation](#). For more information please contact Eagle Software Sales & Marketing by sending an email to [sales@aeries.com](mailto:sales@aeries.com).

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## SQL 2000 End of Support:

Eagle Software will no longer support the use of SQL 2000 after August 1, 2011. This gives any current districts running SQL 2000 almost a year before Eagle Software and Aeries will stop supporting SQL 2000. Microsoft's support for SQL 2000 stopped in April, 2008. This makes any district running SQL 2000 highly vulnerable to security flaws found, but not fixed after April, 2008. Eagle Software strongly encourages ALL districts running SQL 2000 to upgrade as quickly as possible to avoid any security issues, but if the district is not able to do so in the short term, please make plans to switch by August 1, 2011. Currently Eagle Software recommends the use of SQL 2008 32-bit or 64-bit versions. A complete System Compatibility Chart is available on our website: [System Compatibility Chart](#).

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## State & Federal Reporting:

- **Carl Perkins** – The Carl Perkins 2009-10 CDE 101 E1 report is currently being modified according to the new specifications. Along with the changes that will be made to the School version, the major enhancement will now allow the report to be generated from the District version of Aeries. The report can be generated for ALL schools instead of being manually generated at each school.
- **Civil Rights Part 2** – The Civil Rights Data Collection window for the CRDC Part 2 File Submission will be open from October – December 2010. We have received the current Civil Rights Layout for Part 2 and are currently reviewing the layout. After we have determined the required changes we will begin updating the program. An INFO button is available from the Civil Rights form that will provide you with the latest details.

## Aeries New Feature Highlights:

Please remember to check the [Major Revision Notes](#) and [Detailed Revision Notes](#) for updated information.

- **New Fields Added to Attendance & Enrollment History:**

Many new fields have been added to the Student (STU), Attendance (ATT), and Enrollment History (ENR) tables to help with CALPADS reporting:

- **STU** – the “End of Year Next School”, “Summer Withdrawal Next School”, and “Summer Leave Date” fields in the STU table will help with Alternative Ed schools needing to report “Next School” to CALPADS for Summer and End of Year Withdrawals. The Summer Leave Date field can be used to identify the leave date for “SWR” students who return during the school year. It is now OK to leave the SWR value for returning students as long as the Summer Leave Date field also remains populated.
- **ATT & ENR** - Additionally, “Reporting Home School” and “NPS School” fields have been added to ATT and ENR to enable keeping a history of this information as it changes throughout the school year. This information will pull from STU.HS and CSE.SS respectively, and the CALPADS extract has been changed to pull this information from the ENR table.

- **Create CalPASS Extract:**

- The new Fall 2010 Database and Data element Dictionary V 2010.01 contains the new Hispanic/Latino Indicator and Race fields to be loaded into the CalPASS file. The program has been modified to handle loading the new Ethnicity and Race fields if located in the student record. If there is no data in these fields the old Ethnicity code fields will be converted into the new CalPASS Hispanic/Latino Indicator and Race fields. Please see the documentation at [Create CalPASS Extract](#) for more information.

- **Major Transcript Enhancements:**

- Transcripts have undergone major enhancements including the option to select a grade range of records to print which will allow a Middle School transcripts to be printed at the High School! For a complete list of changes, please review the documentation that is now available at: [Transcript Enhancements.](#)

- **Special Education Data Form:**

- The Special Education Data form has been modified to include the new Parent Input field from the CASEMIS June 2010 Layout. The Import CASEMIS Extract and the Create CASEMIS Student File were also modified to handle this new field from the CSE table. Please see the [Special Education 2010](#) documentation for more information.

- **Free and Reduced Meals – Major Enhancements:**

Major enhancements are underway for the new **Free and Reduced Meals** program. The original program allowed data to be entered at the District into the **FAR** table or at a School into the **FRM** table. With two different tables in the system being used, restrictions were created between the Schools and District as to who could access the data. Districts have requested that the program be modified to store the data in one table instead of two, allowing the District to determine who can access this data. A request was also made to store Free and Reduced history records where currently only one record per student can be stored.

The new **FRE** table shipped that will be utilized by the **Free and Reduced Meals** program allowing Districts to start setting up the permissions for Users who will need to have access to the new Free and Reduced form. The **FAR and FRM Pre Conversion Audit report** also shipped allowing Districts to review the data that will be converted over to the **FRE** table.

The next step contains a Conversion program that will convert the **FAR** and/or **FRM** tables into the **FRE** table. The new **Free and Reduced Meals** form has been enhanced to allow districts to store history for Free and Reduced records and a new report has also been created that will print out the history records.

The following document contains information for the modifications that have been made to the Free and Reduced Program: [Free & Reduced Changes](#). Due to specific permissions that can be setup in Client Server the Client Server Administration document will provide specific details on setting up permissions for the new FRE table: [AeriesCS Administration](#).

## STAR 2010 Data File Layout Updated:

The STAR Test Results program has been updated to support the 2010 Data File Layout and a new version is available on our web site. Changes have been made to this program that will now load the additional STS and CMA cluster scores into the CST table and the Total Number Possible (TNP) table has been updated to this year's Post Test Guide. The updated documentation is available at the following link: [Load STAR File District.](#)

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## Eagle Software's 2010 Calendar

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

- Veterans' Day – Thursday November 11, 2010
- Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday) - November 25 and November 26, 2010
- Winter Holidays

Our office schedule will be as follows:

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Dec. 20 – 24	Open	Open	Open	Open	Closed
Dec. 27 – Dec. 31	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

Our office will resume normal business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2011.

- [2011 Holidays](#) are currently posted on the Eagle Software web site.