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Welcome To A New School Year!

Eagle Software would like to extend our welcome to all Aeries Users for the 2011-2012 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. Thank you for partnering with us to make Aeries the most widely used Student Information System in California.

Fall 2011 Users' Conference – Oct. 24th & 25th at the Sacramento Convention Center:

The Fall 2011 Users' Conference will be held October 24 - 25, 2011 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](#).

Final registration deadline is October 13, 2011 **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. Confirmation will be sent to the mailing address provided on the registration form prior to the conference. **Registration is not complete until you have received your confirmation!** If you have not received your confirmation by October 10th please verify **first** with your district that the registration was sent before contacting Lucille Stephenson at (888) 487-7555.

If you are in need of overnight accommodations, a limited block of rooms with a group rate is available at the Best Western Sutter House, 1100 "H" Street, Sacramento, (916) 441-1314. Mention **Eagle Software** when you make your room reservation. These rooms also sell out early so don't wait!

Staff Changes:

John Walden has announced his retirement as Vice President of Eagle Software effective December 31, 2011. Please join the Eagle Software Staff in congratulating John as he steps into a new chapter after over 43 years in K-12 education. You may continue to see John at conferences, etc, assisting Eagle Software on a consulting basis.

Barry Lloyd has been named the new President of Eagle Software. Barry and the entire Eagle Software Team are committed to maintaining the highest quality of support for all our Eagle Software Customers as we strive to keep Jerry Lloyd's legacy alive and growing in his honor.

Online Help: <http://help.aeries.com/> - The Aeries Wiki:

In an effort to provide our clients with additional support resources, Eagle Software would like to announce the launch of the newest edition of our Online Help, the Aeries Wiki. In the past, pressing the F1 key directed you to our Online Help. Now it has been replaced with the Aeries Wiki. This resource is intended to be updated on a regular basis with our latest documentation. Currently, the wiki consists of documentation covering the client version of Aeries (also known as traditional), the Client-Server version, ABI, AIR, and Aeries.net. It is our hope that the wiki combines the helpfulness of the Online Help file with the functionality of a modern-day wiki. For more information please see [Wiki Overview](#).

New Teacher/Student/Parent Web Portals:

Eagle Software is developing a new portal system for teachers, students, and parents. This new system is based on the Aeries.net code-base and will provide a more extensive and streamlined feature set for these users. More areas of the system will be optional to be made visible to parents and teachers. Also, the teacher gradebook is being redesigned to handle BOTH elementary and secondary standards-based grade reporting. The new portal will also have full integration with Aeries Analytics and the Early Warning System, providing critical assessment and analysis information to teachers, parents, and students. It will also provide an end-to-end method for creating, printing, scanning, and scoring tests and integrating the results with standards in the gradebook. More details will be covered in the ABI What's New session at the Users Conference.

Annual "Re-Registration" of Students:

A new process for handling the Summer Re-Registration process through the parent portal was successfully tested and used in full production this summer by three school districts. The process allowed parents to adjust student demographic, emergency contact, medical, and authorization information in real time through the parent portal. Parents could also download documents and confirm the content of those documents through a digital signature process. The important part of this new process is a fundamental change in the philosophy of collecting and maintaining student data. This new process allows parents to maintain student data throughout the year instead of just during the summer. This eliminates the need for schools to print out huge summer re-registration packets and for parents to re-enter basic student demographics and emergency contact information. Information can instead be updated at any time during the school year and documents are always accessible to parents. This process will be a standard part of the new parent portal being made available to districts later this school year. Details of this process will be covered in the ABI What's New session at the Users Conference and also in a session this November at CETPA. More information on this new ABI feature will be made available later this Fall.

Aeries Internet Registration (AIR) Update:

With the successful beta testing completed over the summer and start of school we are ready to move forward with offering AIR to all of our existing customers! The AIR documentation is available at [AIR Documentation](#). Additional information is available on our website (www.aeries.com/aeries_overview.asp) and at both the Northern and Southern CA Users' Conferences. For pricing and additional information you may contact sales@aeries.com.

Aeries Early Warning System:

The first generation of the Aeries Early Warning System has been installed in early adopter districts. The system includes an extensive analysis system to identify students at risk of not graduating. Access to information is provided through reports and dashboard graphs, including drill-down capability. The system has been fully integrated with the Aeries Analytics System and will be made available to other districts later this school year. Please attend the session at the Aeries Users Conference on this topic for more information, or contact sales@aeries.com to express interest in the system.

Aeries Analytics – New Assessment System:

Development has been progressing well on our new fully integrated testing and assessment system. Aeries customers have long utilized the existing testing and assessment features of the Aeries Student Information System, but have often requested that the system be enhanced.

Aeries Analytics will enable full integration with the Aeries Gradebook and existing Aeries Testing and Assessment Reports. Features will include batch or individual plain-paper test scoring by teachers or administrators and standards integration between test questions, the Aeries Gradebook, and Aeries Standards Based Grade Reporting.

To have your school or district added to our list of interested Aeries customers, please email sales@aeries.com. More information and details will be made available as development progresses.

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.

There are multiple workshops scheduled in November:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Anaheim	November 7	State Pre-ID & Loading Test Data
	November 8	Student Assessment
	November 9	Attendance Accounting
Sacramento	November 15	State Pre-ID & Loading Test Data
	November 16	Student Assessment
	November 17	Attendance Accounting
Anaheim	November 18	Client Server Administration – Aeries & SQL
	November 29	Client Server Administration – Aeries & SQL
	November 30	Customizing Aeries

Currently there are several workshops on **Student Scheduling** offered:

Student Scheduling – 2-Day Workshop

<u>Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Anaheim	January 18 & 19
Sacramento	January 23 & 24
Visalia	January 25 & 26
Ontario	February 1 & 2

Please see the registration form for the specific information on the Scheduling Workshops.

ASP Data Hosting Gains Popularity:

Eagle Software is excited about the number of Aeries clients (over 50) who have already chosen the ASP hosting option for Aeries. 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 email sales@aeries.com.

SQL 2000 End of Support:

Eagle Software is no longer supporting the use of SQL 2000 as of 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](#).

CALPADS Information:

With the start of the new school year it is important to perform various functions to ensure successful CALPADS reporting:

- Verify CALPADS extracts have been submitted to CALPADS to close out the previous school year
- Review the CALPADS documents on the website for proper data population
- Obtain new SSIDs for new students
- Run the ODS Audit and review document on the website, CALPADS Reconciliation Process for Aeries

A SPRG Audit will be available soon to help reconcile your Program records to the data in CALPADS.

Information Day (formerly CBEDS day) is October 5, 2011. Nothing needs to be run in Aeries on Information day. The school and district Student Counts (CBEDS) reports can be run at any time. The reports and CALPADS extracts pull data from Enrollment History (ENR) and Course Enrollment History (CAR):

- Print Student Counts by Grade and Race/Ethnicity (CBEDS)
- Print Student Counts by Grade and Subgroup (CBEDS)
- Print Student Counts by Graduates and Dropout

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.

Student Grade Levels:

Just a reminder, Student Grade level of 13 should not be used for any students. The Student Next Grade of 13 drops graduating seniors during the rollover when the option "Drop Highest Grade Level in Next Grade" is selected. Districts should not have the district high grade, stored in LOC HI, be above 12 even if they are using higher grade levels for Special Ed or other students. The District grade range of 0-12 insures that the graduating seniors are dropped during the rollover.

Please note that the only reason a school's high grade, stored in LOC.HI, should **ever** be above 12, is if the low grade is **also** above 12 (i.e. pre-school with grade-range of 17-17).

Below are some other grade level recommendations:

- 5th year seniors (Grade 12, program code STU.SP, Next grade depends on their situation)
- Special Ed or Adult Student (Select a grade greater than 13 up to grade 18)
- Pre-Kindergarten (Grade 0, program code STU.SP, next grade 0)

Students with grade levels higher than 13 will roll with the same grade level during the rollover and the students form will always allow grade levels above 13, regardless of the school's grade-range.

Aeries New Feature Highlights:

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

- **Multi-Language Report Cards:** Reports can now be printed in multiple correspondence languages. Specific correspondence language codes and descriptions are identified in the Grade Reporting Codes and Descriptions. Reports cards for students with the corresponding CL codes in their student record will be printed in the translated language. The translations must be set up in the Update Grade Reporting Codes and Descriptions. Otherwise the default description will print. If the correspondence Language codes for Spanish (01) or Vietnamese (02) are selected the headings on the report card will also be translated. Print options include:
 - **Print All Languages** – if codes and descriptions are setup for specific languages the codes and descriptions will print in these languages on the report cards for only students with the CL in their student record and **ALL** other students report cards will print in English
 - **Print English Only** – will print all report cards in English regardless of a student's correspondence language
 - **Print Only CL of:** - will print report cards for **only** the students that have the correspondence language selected

For more information see: [Grade Reporting](#)

- **Carl Perkins 101 E1:** The Carl Perkins E1 can now be generated at the District level (for Client Server only) and will allow you to create an extract file that can be uploaded to the Carl Perkins web site. Both the School and District versions have been modified according to the new file layout. A major change is that the FRM table will no longer be used for calculating the Economically Disadvantaged sections of the report and will now use the FRE table. Also, any CALPADS translations for FRE will honored. The use of the HIS table will now be used to select students for the report instead of CAR. A new option has also been added to select students by grade range. According to CDE only grades 7-12 can be included in this report. The District version can generate detailed information for either each school selected or an aggregated district total.

For more information please see: [Carl Perkins E1](#) or [Carl Perkins E1 District](#).

- **Physical Fitness 2011 Import:** The **Import Fixed Length Files** program can now import files that are created in the EDS File Layout and the SJCOE File Layout. All Physical Fitness reports have been updated for the SPRG11 Testing Administration.
- **STAR Testing Updated for 2011:** The STAR Test Results program has been updated to support the 2011 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 cluster scores into the CST table and the Total Number Possible (TNP) table has been updated to this year's Post Test Guide. For more information please refer to the documentation: [Load STAR File District DB](#)
- **Course Attendance (CAR) Modifications:** Course Attendance Start and Stop dates will now be pre-populated for the entire year for all sections in a student's schedule! This will alleviate the need to Update CAR on the first day of a new term. For more information please refer to the documentation: [Course Attendance \(CAR\) Modifications](#)
- **Street Address Verification:** The Streets form has been enhanced to allow school codes to be defined for each grade level. This will allow schools to define which school code a student should be enrolled at based on their grade level, and their next school based on their next grade. For more details refer to the documentation: [Street Address Verification](#)
- **CELDT Pre-ID Form:** The CELDT Pre Identification Form has been updated according to the 2011-12 CELDT layout dated May 12, 2011. The major change in the new layout has been the addition of the Parent/Guardian address fields.

- **CAHSEE Pre ID Changes 2011:** The CAHSEE Pre Identification Form has been updated according to the 2011-12 CAHSEE layout dated May 10, 2011. There were minimal changes required from the 2010-2011 layout.
- **Push and Pull Setup Tables:** The Push and Pull Setup Tables form is a new form that will allow users to mass move records in a table between schools. As an example: a calendar (DAY table) created at one school or the district will now be able to be pushed to selected schools or to all schools by using this new form.
- **New Student Multi Data Profile:** A NEW version of the Student Multi Data profile is now available. It will store the profiles in three new tables (MDP, MDF, and MDL) which will allow you to update and maintain your profiles. Aeries will automatically convert the old Profiles that are stored in the OPT table into the new tables to allow you to review and modify as needed. Documentation is available at [New Student Multi Data Profile](#).

Eagle Software's 2011 Calendar

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

- Veteran's Day - Friday, November 11, 2011
- Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday) - November 24 and November 25
- 2011 Winter Holidays:

Our office schedule will be as follows:

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Dec. 19 – Dec. 23	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Dec. 26 – Dec. 31	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Jan. 2 – 6, 2012	Closed	Open	Open	Open	Open

Our office will resume normal business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.