



# EAGLE SOFTWARE NEWSLETTER

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## Eagle Software Calendar

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

### 2013 Upcoming Holidays:

- Independence Day – Thursday, July 4, 2013
- Labor Day – Monday, September 2, 2013
- Veteran’s Day – Monday, November 11, 2013
- Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, 2013
- Winter Holidays: To be announced

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## Fall 2013 Users’ Conference



The Fall 2013 Users’ Conference will be held October 14 & 15, 2013 at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, CA. The registration information has been mailed and posted to our website. If you do not receive a copy of the registration you can download the registration materials from our website at [Conferences](#).

“Going Green” – The conference registration includes a check-box (see example below) that allows you to opt out of receiving a printed copy of the conference documentation. You will be able to access and download the documentation online at the conference. You will also receive a free T-shirt! Just indicate the correct size on your registration form:

**Check one of the following boxes:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, I would like to opt out of a binder	<input type="checkbox"/>	No, I want paper documentation
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**Opt out of paper documentation for a free shirt!**  
Circle a gender and size:  
**M - F   S - M - L - XL - 2XL - 3XL**

## Regional Workshops:

Although there are no Regional Workshops currently scheduled, please continue to check our website at [Aeries Regional Workshops](#) for a calendar of upcoming workshops and registration information. Workshops will be presented using a lecture format with a single computer and projection unit.

## Aeries Training – Plan Ahead!

The busiest time of the year for Eagle Software trainers will be between July 29 and August 30. If you are considering scheduling Aeries training, please keep in mind that training is scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis, so it is important to plan accordingly.

## Welcome To Our New Trainers:

Eagle Software is pleased to announce that we have increased our training staff by hiring several more contract trainers who will be available to provide Aeries training this fall.

## Newsletter Giving Way to Our New Website!

Eagle Software is pleased with the successful launch of our new and improved website, which offers quick and easy access to essential information about Aeries products. The website boasts easier access to support assistance, feature updates, online demo's as well as our newly added blogs! Product updates, documents and training videos are readily accessible for our users. Feel free to share our site and blogs via your favorite social media. We hope that you will enjoy discovering the new website and that you will find it easy to navigate and pleasant to use. Some of the great new features of the website include:

**Blogs:** Stay up to date with the latest in Aeries news by visiting our blog, where you can read about our newest product features and software updates, or learn about useful tips and tricks from our video tutorials.

### Training & Support

#### Videos:

- Aeries.net
- Query
- Attendance
- Scheduling
- Summer School
- Gradebook

### Product

#### Demonstrations:



### Online Demos:

- Aeries.net
- Aeries AIR
- Aeries Analytics
- Aeries Portals:
  - Elementary Teacher
  - High School Teacher
  - Parent
  - Student

### Workshops and Events

### Announcements

### Articles

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### Conference Registration



**BLOGS:**

The Blogs section, along with the News and Press Releases page, will effectively be replacing the Eagle Software alternating Newsletters as the source for important information and the latest news regarding the Aeries Student Information System and Eagle Software. Be sure to subscribe to our Blog RSS feed and to keep an eye out for the latest Featured Article on the Home Page!

**Recent Blog Articles:**

- Aeries.net in Overdrive -- Recently, a team of Eagle Software Programmers and Support Staff contracted with experts from Microsoft to push Aeries.net to its limits.
- Conquering Assessments at the Core -- Eagle Software has partnered with industry leader, Academic Benchmarks, to bring Common Core Standards to Aeries. With these standards in Aeries, districts are ready to begin aligning and linking curriculum, assignments, and Standards Based Grade Reporting.
- Aeries Analytics Expands into Discipline, GPAs, EL Years in Program and More -- The abilities of Aeries Analytics to act as an Early Warning System just got better.
- Aeries Automated Internet Registration (AIR) now importable through Aeries.net - The 3/22/2013 Aeries.net release included an Import From AIR form which gives users with appropriate permissions the ability to import student registrations from AIR into Aeries.Net.
- Service Learning/Community Service Hour Tracking Takes Off in Aeries.net -- This new feature extends existing concepts of placing more responsibility for data entry tasks into the hands of parents and students and leaves the review and evaluation of that information to school staff.
- Assertive Discipline Changes - A recent major enhancement allows multiple disposition records to be stored, allowing the LEA to report to the State the final disciplinary action taken and duration to be kept per disposition.

## Training & Support Videos:



### Aeries Training Videos Available Now:

- Query video series – Intro to Query, Fields Table, Simple Sorts, *More to Come!*
- Grades to Course History & Transcripts
- Aeries.net Daily Attendance – Calendar Section
- Aeries.net Course Requests video series:
  - o Course Request Setup
  - o Requesting a Course
  - o Advanced and Alternative Course Requests
- Off Grade Courses

### Teacher Training Videos Available Now:

- Aeries.net Teacher Portal Navigation
- Aeries.net Teacher Portal – Attendance
- Aeries.net Teacher Portal – Attendance by Photo
- Aeries.net Teacher Portal – Grade Reporting
- Aeries.net Teacher Portal – Gradebook
- Aeries.net Teacher Portal – Student Data

### Coming Soon:

Aeries.net Teacher Portal for Elementary Standards Based Grades – a series of videos is currently under development.

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## ABI Continues To Be Supported:

It has always been Eagle Software's policy to support our legacy products. While there are NO plans to drop support for ABI although the only changes to ABI moving forward will be critical fixes. New development is being done exclusively in Aeries.net and over time, districts are encouraged to adopt the Aeries.net Teacher and Parent Portals as its feature set expands beyond that of ABI.

If you are looking to make the move to the Aeries.net Teacher Portal, it is possible to migrate just a few teachers at a time. ABI and Aeries.net can run simultaneously in your district as long as individual users of one platform do not simultaneously use the other platform. Detailed steps are located in the following document: [ABI to the New Teacher Portal Migration](#).

You can also preview the Aeries.net Teacher Portal on our demonstration website: [demo.aeries.net](http://demo.aeries.net).

## Aeries SIS & EADMS:



We recently announced our partnership to create a seamless integration between Aeries and the Educator's Assessment Data Management System (EADMS). There are now two choices for a testing and assessment system that will tie directly into the Aeries Student Information System: Aeries Analytics and EADMS.

There are numerous reasons that schools and districts have purchased and utilized Aeries Analytics over the past year since its release. Two of these are its cost-effectiveness and its integrated approach to eliminate time-consuming duplicate data-entry. While we have many goals for our integration efforts with EADMS, the first goal will be creating a single-sign-on approach that is seamless between the two systems. Additional integrations will involve moving test results and student data effortlessly between the systems. EADMS is a robust and well-developed product that has several more years of development behind it than Aeries Analytics, especially in the areas of test scanning, scoring, and analysis.

Whichever solution you choose, Eagle Software will continue to offer a quality product. Many users may find that Aeries Analytics is the right solution for their needs. However, if you desire a fully-featured solution, we encourage you to take a look at EADMS ([www.eadms.com](http://www.eadms.com)). One important thing to keep in mind is that you can purchase the Aeries Analytics Dashboard and Early Warning System for only \$.50 per student on its own. If you'd like to know more about EADMS, their team will be presenting a session at our Users' Conferences in October and March, or you may schedule a demonstration of their product and services on a per-request basis.

Please contact the Eagle Software Sales Team at [sales@aeries.com](mailto:sales@aeries.com) for more information and pricing.

## CALPADS INFORMATION

CALPADS End of Year extracts continue to be available in Aeries. As you prepare for the EOY CALPADS submission, use the available documentation on the website to help populate the data. The Code Value Translation must be completed for the various Assertive Discipline and the CTE fields.

The following extracts are available:

CRSS (Course Section), SCSC (Student Course Section Completion), SDEM (Staff Demographics), SDIS (Student Discipline), SWAV (CAHSEE Waivers) and SCTE (Student CTE) files.

Please refer to the following documentation for detailed information:

- [CALPADS\\_in\\_Aeries.pdf](#)
- [CALPADS\\_End\\_of\\_Year\\_Submissions.pdf](#)
- [Assertive\\_Discipline.pdf](#)

**NOTE:** It is important to note that the CALPADS Update Flash #74 contained information about Graduation Data. *Changes to the CALPADS ODS that impact graduation data used to determine the AYP cohort graduation rate must be made by close of business on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.* In Aeries, it is important to remember to run the Update College Entrance Requirements macro after Copying Grades to Course History (HIS). This will update the CSU and UC Course Completer fields (STU.CCS and STU.CUC).

**Conference Information:** At the Fall Users' Conference in Sacramento, an additional CALPADS session will be offered – #710 CALPADS In Aeries Advanced. Please refer to the link below for more information: [Conference Registration](#)

As October's CAG will conflict with the Sacramento Aeries Users' Conference, the normal Monday Afternoon CALPADS Session Taught by CSIS at the Users' Conference will focus on the content that will be presented at the CAG the following day. This will help ensure that attendees of the Aeries Users' Conference on October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> will not miss out on any important information about CALPADS disseminated at the CAG.

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.

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.

## Staff Changes:

Stephanie Craig has transitioned from her role as a Support Representative for four years into her current position as Sales and Marketing Coordinator in November 2012.

Nick DeVore joined Eagle Software in September 2012 as a Programmer. Nick spent over 12 years at Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District helping to write and maintain the home-grown SIS there.

Terri Foster became a member of First Level Support in September 2012. Terri joined us after having worked at Bellflower Unified School District since 1998 as their Aeries Data Technician.

Troy Stump is the latest member of the Eagle Software Programming Department. Troy recently graduated from CSU Fullerton with a degree in Computer Science.

Audie Clune recently made the transition from First Level Support to Quality Control/Documentation Specialist. Audie spent over five years in the Support Department, where she gained valuable knowledge on both Aeries and customer needs that she now brings to the QC/Documentation Department.

Sylvia Nishimoto was hired at the beginning of the year as a Trainer/First level Support representative. Previously, Sylvia worked at the Orange Unified School District as a Senior Information System Specialist. Sylvia is currently in transition, as she will soon join the QC/Documentation Department.

Matt Hoffman will begin at Eagle Software as a Second Level Support Representative on June 17. Matt has spent the past 6 years working at Snowline Joint Unified School District, most recently as Database Specialist.

Lori Williamson, who had worked at Eagle Software since 2000, left to work at Anaheim Union High School District as they continue their transition as a new Aeries customer. She is currently their Lead Information System Specialist.

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## Aeries New Features Highlights:

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

- **[Pre-Rollover Audit Listing:](#)**

The Print Pre-Rollover Audit Listing can now be run from the School or District level in addition to AdminCS. This will give schools the ability to print their own students. [Pre-Rollover Audit Listing](#)

- **[Client Server Rollover:](#)**

The Client Server rollover process includes several enhancements in the latest update. For more information please refer to the documentation: [Client Server Rollover](#)

- **Load STAR QTR File:**

The Load STAR QTR File document assists the District or School with loading the STAR Quick-Turnaround Reporting (QTR) file for the 2013 Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR). The QTR file contain scale-score and performance-level results for individual CST and CMA multiple-choice tests only. [Load Star QTR File.](#)

- **CALPADS End-of-Year Submissions:**

The Create CALPADS Extracts form has been updated to process DSP records during the Discipline extract (EOY). Please refer to the CALPADS End-of-Year Submissions document for more information. [CALPADS End-of-Year Submission](#)

- **Aeries.Net Field Level Security:**

Administrators will be able to grant Read and Update field level permissions to the STU and CON tables for Group Security. Please refer to the documentation for information: [AeriesNet\\_Security.pdf](#).

- **Rubric Gradebooks:**

There is a new option to create rubric Gradebooks. Scores will show as averages instead of percents.

- **Mass Update Red Flags:**

The Mass Update Red Flags form has been added to the District database. For more information please refer to the documentation. [Mass Update Red Flags](#)

- **Daily Medical Log Enhancements:**

The Daily Medical Log Enhancements documentation contains information regarding the updates to the Medical form, which includes the Daily Log and the new Daily Medication Log and Student Medications forms. It also details medication tracking. For more information please refer to the documentation: [Daily Medical Log Enhancements](#)