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 2013–2014 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 2013 Users' Conference

We look forward to seeing everyone who will be attending the Fall 2013 Users' Conference in Sacramento this year. Thank you for your continued support of the Conference.

Regional Workshops

A schedule of upcoming regional workshops has been posted on our website at Aeries Regional Workshops including registration information. Workshops will be presented using a lecture format with a single computer and projection unit.

Aeries Features Workshops

We are providing workshops that focus on the many features in Aeries that are available to you and to introduce the newest Aeries products we have recently developed. These workshops are free of charge, but you must register for them in advance.

A schedule of these workshops has been posted on our website at Aeries Regional Workshops.

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Eagle Software's 2013 Calendar

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

- Veteran's Day – Monday November 11, 2013

- Thanksgiving (Thursday & Friday) – November 28 & November 29

- 2013 Winter Holidays

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Dec. 23 –27	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Dec. 30 2013 - Jan. 3, 2014	Closed	Closed	Closed	Open	Open

Our office will resume normal business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2014.

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 provides quick 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:
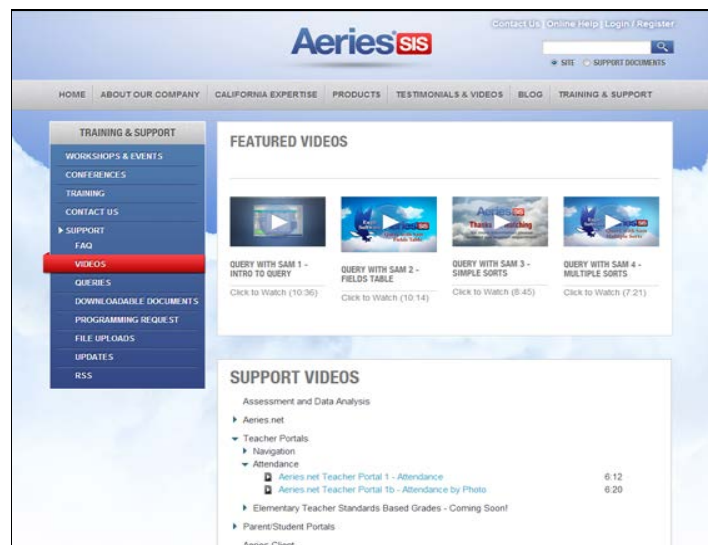
Training & Support Videos Library Continues to Expand

As the Eagle Software Media Department continues to expand the amount of Aeries training videos available, a restructure of the videos page was deemed necessary. One reason for this was to prevent clutter and promote a more intuitive way to navigate through the video library. Another large reason for the change was due to the Media Department's recent focus on creating series of videos. Because numerous processes in Aeries run in "cycles" or involve several steps throughout the year, the video series will be broken into several shorter videos for each and every step in the process.

The videos have been grouped into several broad categories that are intended to be easy to navigate through. Clicking on one of the blue links for the video opens a pop-up video player.

New videos include:
- Aeries.net Basic Navigation
- Query 4: Multiple Sorts
- Elementary Teacher Standards-Based Grades in Aeries.net Series
- Query 5: Simple Conditions
- Aeries.net Security

Expect to continue seeing more videos being added to our library, including whole series of videos. Remember to have SchoolTube whitelisted by your school district so you can enjoy all of the Aeries training videos!

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 directly tie 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. We have many goals for our integration efforts with EADMS. The first goal was creating a single–sign–on (now available) 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 evolution 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). 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 for more information and pricing.
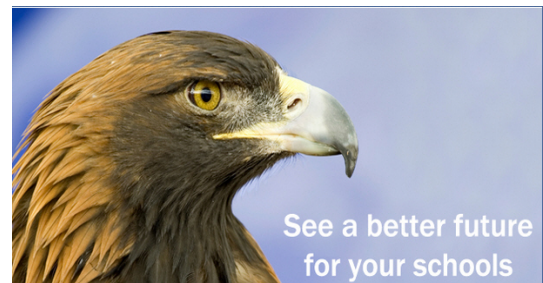
BLOGS:

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 include:

- Secondary Standards-Based Grades
- Welcome Back to the School Year
- Emergency School Closure Attendance Procedures
- Aeries.net Teacher Portal Elementary Standards Based Grades Video Series
- Redesigned Training Videos
- Aeries: Anytime, Anywhere, Any Device – Mobile Portal

Aeries Roadmap For Future Development

Eagle Software is constantly enhancing Aeries to provide additional functionality for our clients. In fact, the following are planned for release this school year:
- Aeries.net Custom Report Builder
- District Asset, Resource, and Textbook Management
- Enhanced Intervention and RTI Management
- Secondary Standards-Based Report Card
- API and 3rd Party System Integrations

See a better future for your schools

The Aeries Roadmap for Future Development includes several significant features/upgrades. Some of these major projects include:
- Records Transfer Between Aeries Districts
- Online Assessments
- Reminder Notifications
- Detention/Saturday School Tracking
- Enhanced SART/SARB Tracking
- School of Choice Management
- Individulaized Academic Plan enhancements
- Teacher/Admin Mobile Access to the Portals (via tablets, then smartphones)

While charting the Aeries Roadmap for Future Development, we encourage our clients to adopt new features and technology, but we will not forget our legacy products and are committed to supporting our client customers.

Please check our website as we periodically post updates to our future development timeline.

CALPADS INFORMATION

With the start of the new school year it is important to perform various functions to ensure successful CALPADS reporting. A new document has been posted on the website that details the functions and processes that need to be completed on a regular bases for successful CALPADS reporting. Please refer to the CALPADS_Annual_Maintenance_Guidelines.pdf document.

Census day (formerly CBEDS day) is October 2, 2013. Nothing needs to be run in Aeries on Information day, however it is suggested that you verify that the reports, Attendance Audit Listing and Course Attendance Audit Listing, are clear.

The school and district Student Counts (CBEDS) reports can be run at any time in Aeries. The reports and CALPADS extracts pull data from Enrollment History (ENR) and Course Enrollment History (CAR). These reports should be available soon in Aeries.net.

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

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 14th & 15th will not miss out on any important information about CALPADS disseminated at the CAG.

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.

We suggest that districts check our website often for new or updated documentation, important CALPADS dates, and updates to the CALPADS FAQ.

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 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.

Aeries New Features Highlights:

Please remember to check the:
Aeries.net Revision Notes, Major Revision Notes and Detailed Revision Notes for updated information.

- **Standards Based Report Cards:**
  Standards Based Grade reporting now allows the report card layout to differ between grade levels! This means that a Kindergarten report card could be 3-Mark Landscape, but a First Grade report card is 4-Mark 2-Column Portrait. This allows for more flexibility in designing report cards by grade level. This enhancement has been made simultaneously in Aeries CS and Aeries.net. – See more at Standards Based Grades.

- **CELDT Pre-ID 2013:**
  The CELDT Pre Identification Form has been updated according to the 2013-14 CELDT layout dated June 6, 2013. For more details refer to the documentation. – See more at: CELDT Pre-ID 2013