

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 2012–2013 school year. Eagle Software expresses our gratitude to each Aeries User for the opportunity to assist you in service 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 2012 Users' Conference

The Fall 2012 Users' Conference will be held October 8–9, 2012 at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, CA. If you have questions regarding registration or accommodations, please contact Lucille Stephenson at (888) 487–7555.

The Conference documentation will be accessible online, and free Wifi will be available.

Regional Workshops

The new schedule of Regional Workshops has been posted on our website at: [Regional Workshops](#).

Workshops will be presented using a lecture format with a single computer and projection unit.

An Eagle Has Soared from Us

In loving memory of Kathy Kubitz, a long-time (14 years) member passed away on September 24, 2012. She will be greatly missed and always remembered.

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Eagle Software's 2012 Calendar

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

- Thanksgiving (Thursday & Friday) – November 22 & November 23



- 2012 Winter Holidays



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Dec. 17–21	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
Dec. 24 –28	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Dec. 31 - Jan. 4, 2013	Closed	Closed	Open	Open	Open

Our office will resume normal business hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

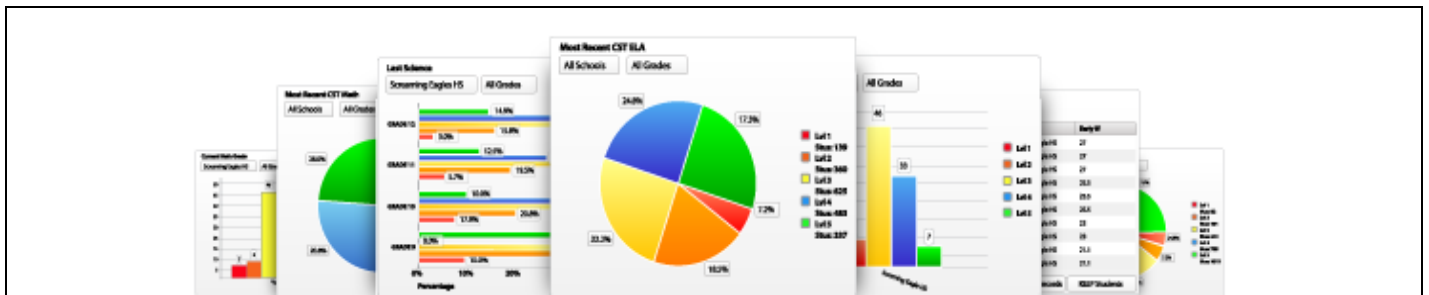
Aeries ANALYTICS

Aeries Analytics Continues to Move Forward

Over 50 districts are starting off this school year with Aeries Analytics – the new Testing and Assessment System from Eagle Software. These districts are pioneers in our industry by taking the leap into using the first Comprehensive Testing and Assessment System designed from scratch to fully integrate with a Fully Featured Student Information System. For these districts, gone are the days of “Rostering” extracts and waiting weeks to be able to assess new students. Although much progress has been done to grow Aeries Analytics into the product it is today, more is still to come. With the Aeries.net Teacher Portal now released to the public with great new features,

more development attention can be paid to expanding on the reporting capabilities of Aeries Analytics. In the works are various by teacher, grade, and school analysis reports including a brand new Multiple Measures Reporting Tool! Our integrations and work with 3rd party Assessment Providers like Intel-Assess have grown our Common Core Readiness.

For more information or to setup a demo, email sales@aeries.com or visit www.aeries.com/Analytics. A fully features demo is also available at demo.aeries.net in the Aeries.net and Teacher Portal demos.



Civil Rights Data Collection Options

The Civil Rights Data Collection window for the CRDC File Submission is now open as of September 2012 and will be collecting data from ALL school districts. The Civil Rights Data Collection Options form and Reports (District version ONLY) have been modified according to the layout requirements for the Civil Rights Data Collection 2011–2012 for Part 1 and Part 2. There is a new form that will provide data for the Civil Rights Report Part 2 which is the Victim and Witness form. The Victims tab can be used to store data for students who have reported that they were harrassed or bullied.

We are also currently working on a new version that will contain the capabilities of creating the CRDC Flat File which will allow you to upload the files instead of hand entering the required data. An INFO button is also available from the Civil Rights Collection form that will provide you with the latest details and progress. For more details refer to the following documentation:

[Civil Rights Data Collection Report Part 1](#)
[Civil Rights Data Collection Report Part 2](#)
[Victims & Witnesses Procedures](#)

Aeries **PORTALS**

Status of New Aeries.net Teacher Portal and Gradebook

With the beginning of this school year, Eagle Software rolled out a brand new Teacher Portal and Gradebook fully integrated into the Aeries.net environment. This was done for many reasons, including: integration with Aeries Analytics, enhanced Standards-Based Grade Reporting features, a new Gradebook user interface, and the ability to provide teachers access to more student related areas. This new platform will allow enhanced reporting capabilities for teachers and parents as well as access to a wider variety of reports.

While lots of development was done in preparation for the beginning of this school year, the new Aeries.net Teacher Portal still has more development to go before replicating all the features developed in ABI over the last 13 years! Initial development of the Aeries.net Teacher Portal was focused on core functionality to get the school year started and as those features were enabled, additional functionality has been added and is continuing to be enhanced. With the Aeries.net Teacher Portal being a new system, districts currently using the system are considered early adopters. With that in mind, Eagle Software appreciates the districts who have made the decision to move forward with the Aeries.net Teacher Portal and Aeries Support and Development Staff are ready to assist you in whatever way possible. Eagle Software is confident that the Aeries.net Teacher

Portal will provide a strong platform to accelerate the features of the system through the next decade.

For a full list of features in ABI that have not yet been converted to the Aeries.net Teacher Portal see the following document:

[Aeries.Net Teacher Portal Features in Progress](#)

It is possible to migrate just a few teachers at a time to the Aeries.net Teacher Portal. If you are interested in migrating to the Aeries.net Teacher Portal, 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

ABI Still Being Supported

It has always been Eagle Software's policy to support our legacy products. There are NO plans to drop support for ABI. Over time, districts are encouraged to adopt the Aeries.net Teacher and Parent Portals as the functionality expands to meet their specific needs.

Backing Up Your Data – Make It a High Priority

Eagle Software encourages our clients to implement a comprehensive database backup and recovery plan for your Aeries database. Backups should be done at least nightly and taken offsite on a regular basis. Make sure to do a periodic restore test to

confirm that your database will be completely restored in the event that it becomes necessary. It is also a good idea to review and test your District disaster recovery plan and procedures on a regular basis.

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

Information Day (formerly CBEDS day) is October 3, 2012. Nothing needs to be run in Aeries on Information Day. However it is suggested that you verify that your Attendance Audit Listing and Course Attendance Audit Listing are clear. 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 Dropouts

CALPADS End of Year extracts have been made available in Aeries. Documentation is available on the website to help populate the EOY data.

There are two areas of Aeries that will be enhanced for the CALPADS EOY Student Discipline (SDIS) extract:

1. The Assertive Discipline form will be redesigned to allow for entry for multiple Dispositions and fields. This will allow one Assertive Discipline record to show the progression of an incident which resulted in multiple dispositions.
2. The Assertive Discipline Days field will be changed to a decimal field to accommodate entry of .5 for half day suspensions.

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.

Eagle Software is offering CALPADS Regional Workshops beginning in November 2012. Please check our website at [CALPADS Regional Workshops](#) for a schedule of these workshops.



Student Documents

AeriesCS now has the ability to manage Student documents using a new Student Document tab on the students form. This form allows you to manage any type of documentation related to the student at the school level. The documents are stored in the Documents (DOC) table. This feature is available to Client Server districts only. Documents can be retrieved/viewed at the District level, but not added, modified, or deleted.

For more information please see:

[Student Documents](#)

Mass Add Student Pictures

AeriesCS now supports storing student pictures within the SQL database, eliminating the need for them to be stored in a folder. The **Mass Add Student Pictures** form will allow you to update pictures into the **Pictures (PIC)** table at the school level for the school year currently being accessed. The pictures can be matched by the Student Photo (STU.BM), Permanent-ID (STU.ID) or the Student Number (STU.SN). If a student does not have a picture for the current year in the PIC table, last year's photo, if available, will display. If there is no picture in the PIC table for the student, it will display the picture using the photo path if available. For more information please see:

[Mass Add Student Pictures](#)

Leave Data Management to the Parents

With the recent release of "AIR" (Automated Internet Registration) for gathering information online for new students. The new Aeries Parent Portal with advanced data management features for parents can now offload many of the data management tasks from school clerks and secretaries to parents. Data entry of new students is always an exhaustive task. AIR lets the parents do most of the data entry, leaving the school to simply verify the information.

The new Aeries Parent Portal allows parents to modify student demographics, contacts, medical conditions, and authorizations at any time during the year. This

also takes care of the normal "Summer Re-Registration" of students where parents are normally required to fill out fresh emergency cards, sign various documents, and establish various authorizations. The new Aeries Parent Portal optionally allows documents to be available to parents all year long and gathers authorizations all online. These new features will be detailed in the new session at the Users Conference in October: "Aeries Browser Interface - What's New in the New Parent, Student, and Teacher Portals."

Aeries AIR

Aeries PORTALS

Aeries New Features Highlights

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

- **[Students & Student Enrollment Form:](#)**

The address fields have been rearranged so that the Residence Address is collected before Mailing Address, and a “Same” checkbox has been added to facilitate easier duplication of data in the two sets of address fields. Please note that logging into this version will automatically populate blank Residence Address fields with the corresponding Mailing Address fields.

- **[Emergency Contacts:](#)**

We have added the ability to tag Contact records to display on the Students form where Fathers Work and Mothers Work display via a new “Link” button. Note – this option is only available if the new LOC Rule is enabled. There is a macro “Update Contact Links Based On Student Father/Mother Work Phones” that can be run to auto-populate links with existing data.

- **[AeriesCS – Automatic Data Synchronization:](#)**

Changes to the Student data (STU), and Secondary Student Data (SSD) will be automatically synchronized between active records! There are various settings available through the Define Fields to Sync/Lock in AdminCS and LOC Rules set in the Schools form in DST. Automatic Data Synchronization does not mean that Supplemental (SUP) data will also be synchronized with STU and SSD.

- **[Standards Based Grades New Report Card Type \(RC\) Designation:](#)**

Standards Based Grade Reporting has a new Report Card Type (RC) field that will allow users to create multiple report cards per grade level and assign students to certain report card types. There are many additional Standards Based Grade Reporting changes in the August 3, 2012 Update. Please refer to the document at [Standard Based Grades](#) for more information.

- **[Supplemental Attendance:](#)**

Student Supplemental Attendance can now be included in Grade Reporting by setting the new Grade Options on the Supplemental Attendance Session. Please refer to the document download at [Supplemental Attendance](#) for more information.

- **[Load STAR File School and District DB:](#)**

The STAR Test Results program has been updated to support the 2012 Data File Layout and is available on our website. A major change made to the District version was to the selection box which will now allow you to select the Test Scores, STU.CRL or Accommodation/Modifications to be loaded separately. For more information please refer to the document downloads at:

[Load STAR File District DB](#) and [Load STAR File School DB](#).

- **CAHSEE Pre-Identification Form (SCH & DST):**

The CAHSEE Pre-Identification Form has been updated according to the new requirements for the May 2012 layout. The ASAM Schools and English Learner Services fields have been removed and are no longer included in the file. The “RFEP student scored proficient or advanced 3 years on ELA” will now use the CST and CMA test scores in calculating this field.

- **Import PFT Files 2012:**

The Import Fixed Length Files now has the ability to import the San Joaquin County Office of Education Physical Fitness Test Files (PFT12SJC) and Educational Data Systems (PFT12EDS).

- **Discipline Analysis:**

Discipline Analysis is a new form to display and print Discipline Analysis by various criteria, including options to print to spreadsheet, graph or report. For more information please refer to the [Assertive Discipline](#) documentation