



# 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 2014–2015 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 2014 Users' Conference:



We look forward to seeing everyone who will be attending the Fall 2014 Users' Conference in Sacramento this year. [Click here](#) to visit the Online Conference Registration page. To download a list of conference sessions being offered, please [click here](#).

There is still a week to register at the regular conference rate! Registrations will not be accepted after September 26, 2014 or when conference capacity has been reached (first come, first served). Late registration fee will apply after September 19, 2014. Thank you for your continued support of our Conference.

## Recent Blogs:

For timely information on newly released features and important reminders, please visit our website blogs.

- [The CA Attorney General School Truancy Report](#)
- [Aeries Can Now Load CAASPP Test Results](#)
- [Aeries Moving Away From Silverlight](#)
- [HTML5 Gradebook Now Available](#)
- [Aeries.net Moves to .NET 4.0 Framework](#)
- [Attendance History Makes Its Debut](#)

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## Eagle Software's 2014 Calendar:

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

- Veteran's Day – Tuesday, November 11, 2014
- Thanksgiving (Thursday & Friday) – November 27 & November 28



- 2014 Winter Holidays



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Dec. 22 –26	Open	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
Dec. 29, 2014 – Jan. 2, 2015	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 5, 2015.

## Regional Workshops:

The schedule of upcoming regional workshops will be updated in the next few weeks, and is always available on our website at [Aeries Regional Workshops](#) including on-line registration information.

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## CALPADS Information:

With the start of the new school year it is important to perform various functions to ensure successful CALPADS reporting. A document is available 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. Many changes were made by CALPADS for the 2014-2015 school and we have been adjusting our system and extracts to support the changes. Updates may come out more frequently during this adjustment period so please ensure that the latest revision is being used before creating extracts to submit to CALPADS.

Census day (formerly CBEDS day) is October 1, 2014. Nothing needs to be run in Aeries on this day, however it is suggested that you verify that the reports, Attendance Audit Listing and Course Attendance Audit Listing, are clear of any errors.

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).

- 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](#)

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](#), which is an excellent place to follow timely conversations/concerns other Aeries users are having. Please be aware it is moderated by Aeries users and should not be viewed as a mechanism for contacting Eagle Software for Aeries Support.

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## Visit The Eagle Software Team at Upcoming Conferences:

Eagle Software invites you to visit some of the Aeries sales and support team at the following Fall/Winter 2014 conferences:

- [CETPA](#), November 20<sup>th</sup>, Sacramento, booth 203
- [CERA](#), December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, San Diego
- [CSBA](#), December 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, San Francisco (Moscone Center), booth 705

We hope to see you at one or all of these great venues.

## Eagle Support Welcomes You Back To The 2014–15 School Year:

The Eagle Support Team stayed busy over the summer helping you with New Year Rollover and Scheduling, along with answering your questions as you prepared for the start of the new school year. We are in our busiest time of year in Support, so we would like to offer some tips to help our schools avoid pitfalls that can be avoided by monitoring your data now in the beginning of the school year.

- Run your Course Attendance (CAR) and Attendance (ATT) Audit Reports often in the first few weeks of school. We suggest that they are run daily at the beginning of the school year, then at least weekly. The reports should be clear of any errors.
- Do not make major changes to your School Calendar without consulting Support first.
- Initialize the Grades (GRD) and Standards Based Grades (SBG) before each Grading Mark.

Aeries Support Teams continue to grow. We now have fourteen 1<sup>st</sup> Level Support Representatives as well as six 2<sup>nd</sup> Level Support Personnel to answer your questions and emails. When emailing Eagle Software with a question or for assistance, please always email [Support@aeries.com](mailto:Support@aeries.com). By doing so, your email will be distributed to the next available representative. We all look forward to working with and guiding you to use the Aeries SIS to make your schools a positive and efficient place to work and attend.

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## Is Your District Eligible For Microsoft K–12 Voucher Funds?

There was a new round of funding for the MS Voucher program in March 2014, so districts with balances of \$0 previously may have voucher money now. Some school districts in California may receive benefits from two separate settlements: the **California Education Technology K–12 Voucher Program** and the **Microsoft California Government Entities Settlement**, so check out your MS Voucher balance at:

[K-12 Voucher Balance](#). If you don't see all 4 columns on the above page you need to enable "Compatibility Mode" in IE. **The deadline for making purchases for voucher redemption is September 25, 2015.**

If you have any questions, you may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) link [Microsoft K12 Voucher FAQs](#) or contact the Settlement Claims Administrator at 1-800-419-5286. **Product and Service Eligibility Inquiries.** The Settlement Claims Administrator responds to product and service inquiries from schools and districts. For information on how to submit a product or service inquiry, follow this link: [K12 Voucher Product Eligibility](#).

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## Aeries New Features Highlights:

Please remember to check the:

[Aeries.net Revision Notes](#), [Major Revision Notes](#) and [Detailed Revision Notes](#) for updated information.



# Nest safely in the Cloud

# Aeries ASP

With **Aeries ASP**, Eagle Software hosts your district's Aeries database in a secure, professional data center. We provide database administration services including backups, updates, new year rollover, and more.

Any district can enjoy the rich web functionality provided by a secure, centralized database — without the burden of purchasing hardware or software licenses, maintaining databases, or hiring specialized staff.

By drawing on our years of experience, we are providing a dynamic service personalized to schools and districts of all sizes.

## Services Provided

- Automatic version updates
- Fast, live, California-based customer support
- New year rollover
- Full data hosting and management
- Hourly automated data back-up
- Reliable, certified colocation facilities
- State of the art security
- Maintenance of many 3rd party extracts
- Sandbox/Training Environment

## Benefits to Customers

- Cloud-based web access for educators
- Teacher, parent and student web portals
- Built-in Common Core capabilities
- California ready state and federal reporting (CALPADS, CAASPP, STAR, Pre-Id, Civil Rights, and more)
- Low up-front technology costs
- Expense predictability, easy cost forecasting
- Your data, our expertise

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