

Aeries Client and Aeries Web

Summer 2018 will bring big changes to Aeries Client. The focus of all major development for Aeries has been on the Aeries Web Environment. The Aeries Client has only received minor adjustments and compatibility changes. Changes to Aeries Web have resulted in areas of the Aeries Client being disabled. It is recommended that starting with the 2018-2019 school year, the Aeries Client only be used for functionality not found in Aeries Web. The Aeries Client is not going away and there are still many valuable features available in the Aeries Client that are still available to school, but the point has been reached where the need to advance the feature set of Aeries outweighs the need to maintain backwards compatibility with the Aeries Client.

The following forms, reports, and functions in the Aeries Client are scheduled to become read-only or completely disabled by August 1, 2018. 1) Student Demographics, 2) Attendance, 3) Secondary Grade Reporting, 4) Elementary Grade Reporting, 5) Transcripts, 6) Graduation Requirements and UC/CSU Eligibility, 7) School Options, Calendar, Courses, Master Schedule, Teachers, and Staff 8) Student Classes, 9) Scheduling and Course Requests, 10) Assertive Discipline, Discipline, Interventions, Contacts, Programs, and Course Attendance, 11) Academic Plan 12) Golden State Seal Merit Diploma, State Seal of Biliteracy, and CALPADS Extracts, and 13) Query

1) Student Demographics

- a. Due to recently passed CA law (SB-179), schools must begin to support the new “Nonbinary Gender”.
- b. A new field, STU.GN will be used instead of the older STU.SX field. Since both fields will need to match to maintain backwards compatibility, making the STU table in the Aeries Client Read-Only will be necessary.
- c. This includes editing, adding and transferring students.

2) Attendance

- a. New guidance from the CDE requires that a new feature be added to Aeries Attendance Accounting to allow individual student absences to be flagged as counting for ADA.
- b. New field will be added to the ATT table and new logic will be added to ADA calculation reports
- c. Almost all attendance reports in the Aeries Client will be disabled or removed (Including ADA calculation and auditing reports)
- d. Editing attendance-related information will be disabled (ATT, Attendance Notes, Attendance History, etc)
- e. It may also be necessary to prevent even the viewing of student attendance starting with the 18-19 school year.

3) Secondary Grade Reporting

- a. GRD in the Aeries Client already lacks support for the new Composite Course feature.
- b. Running reports will still be allowed, editing of GRD will be disabled.

4) Elementary Grade Reporting

- a. We currently don't use Aeries for elementary grade reporting.

5) Transcripts

- a. Both editing and printing Transcripts will be disabled
- b. New fields have been added to HIS that are not supported in the Client.
- c. New transcript printing features are being worked on that the client version will not support

6) Graduation Requirements and UC/CSU Eligibility

- a. A new algorithm for calculating the Graduation Status of a student was added to Aeries Web during the 2016-2017 school year.
- b. The new method is far superior in optimizing student credit and is not available in the Aeries Client.
- c. The forms and reports displaying this information in the Client will be disabled.

7) School Options, Calendar, Courses, Master Schedule, Teachers, and Staff

- a. Many new fields and options have been added to these areas in Aeries Web but will not be added to the Aeries Client.
- b. These forms will remain in the system, but will be read-only.

8) Student Classes

- a. Last summer, the Classes page in Aeries Web was redesigned to greatly improve the speed and efficiency in scheduling new students and adjusting the schedules of existing students.
- b. This summer, a new feature is planned to allow the scheduling of future changes to a student's class schedule.
- c. Due to changes to scheduling to support gender balancing of nonbinary gender students, changing student class schedules will be disabled in the Aeries Client.

9) Scheduling and Course Requests

- a. The need for gender balancing of nonbinary gender students requires extensive changes to the scheduler and to the scheduling tables in Aeries.
- b. These changes will only be made in Aeries Web.
- c. Scheduling will become almost completely read-only or disabled with only a few features left to add new course request to students

10) Assertive Discipline, Discipline, Interventions, Contacts, Programs, and Course Attendance

- a. In the Aeries Client, these forms all lack new fields and features available in Aeries Web.
- b. To maintain data integrity, these forms will all become read-only in the Aeries Client.

11) Academic Plan

- a. The Academic Plan has been greatly enhanced in Aeries Web.
- b. The Aeries Client does not have the new features and will need to be completely removed.

12) Golden State Seal Merit Diploma, State Seal of Biliteracy, and CALPADS Extracts

- a. These major features will either not be available or will only be able to run against prior year database.

- b. The business logic behind these programs has been changed and those changes will not be supported in the aeries client.

13) Query

- a. Query will not be removed from the Aeries Client.
- b. Saving and using saved queries will no longer be available due to compatibility issues and planned enhancements to Aeries Web Query.

Aeries Parent/Student Portal

Aeries Portal can give parents and student access to detailed gradebook information, final grades, transcripts, test scores, attendance, and 2-way communication with teachers and the school. Parents can setup Alerts to receive messages if their student's grade falls below or rise above a certain grade. Starting next school year, CAASPP results will be delivered through Aeries. The CDE and ETS are phasing out paper reporting of CAASPP results. After 2018-2019 school year, CAASP results will only be delivered through an authorized parent portal like Aeries.

Aeries Mobile Portal App

The Official Aeries Mobile Portal App is ready for students and parents to quickly access grades and attendance information. The app has a "What-If calculator for students and parents to determine how a score on a previous or previous assignment will influence their class score. All data is encrypted and never leaves the environment between the district's server and the parent's phone. The following features are available now with the portal: official grades from the Aeries Gradebook, What-If Calculator, Attendance Details, and Report Cards. In addition, coming soon to the app is the following: Push notifications for attendance and grades, Clearing absences, phone number-based logins and student digital ID Cards.

CAASPP Paperless Reporting Pilot

CAASPP is transitioning from paper to an electronic delivery of the CAASPP student score reports to the LEAs. The electronic delivery system is being piloted for the 2017-18 school year with several SIS vendors and a few LEAs. In the 2018-19 school year CAASPP will begin the Initial Implementation phase (Phase 2) of the electronic score reports. When the CAASPP Paperless Scores is enabled and setup staff, teachers, parents, and students with the correct permission set will be able to view and/or download CAASPP student scores reports from CAASPP through Aeries.