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Enhancements to Aspen SIS

Welcome to Aspen 6.8! This release includes several improvements and new features.

System, District, and School Administrators

Ability to assign default values to JSON templates

JSON templates can now leverage a new property value, *default-value*.

Improved functionality for Tools > Result Rows

The values on the Result Rows page now refresh appropriately when a user uses the navigation arrows, or clicks a different result from the list without clicking the Details side-tab.

(District [Root Organization] view, **Tools > Results >** *select a result* **> Result Rows**)

Continuing Education: 'Add' record created when student enrolls

When a student enrolls in a Continuing Education course section, Aspen now creates an Add record in the Student Schedule Change History system table (STUDENT_SCHEDULE_CHANGE).

Returning Student Registration: Email verification functionality added

After a parent/guardian submits their student's returning student registration, Aspen can now send them an email confirming the submission.

New Portal: Header banner reduced

The size of the header banner on New Portal screens has been reduced. This way, users can view more salient content on each screen. No existing functionality or links are affected. The enhancements meet Web Content Accessibility (WCAG) 2.1 guidelines.

New Portal: Better clarity for special codes

It is easier for parents and students to understand the meaning of teachers' special codes in the New Portal. Now, for assignments graded with a special code, the Assignments Details screen displays the special code, a description of it, and the student's score.

Unified Login: Aspen prevents duplicate records on SYS_PREFERENCE system table

Aspen no longer allows certain user preferences to have duplicate records (District [Root Organization] view, **Admin > Data Dictionary >** *select **System Preference** table*).

Unified Login: Aspen loads the user's 'Default school'

Some Aspen users have access to more than one school. Their default school is specified at the 'Default school' field on the General tab in their user preferences (*click user name on the settings bar* **> Set Preferences > General tab**). When the user logs on with Unified Login, Aspen automatically loads the user into their default school, and stays in that school even if the user changes views (from the Health view to the Special Education view, for example).

New Portal Unified Login: URL no longer displays /go when user logs off

Previously, when a user logged on to the New Portal and subsequently logged off, **/go** persisted in the URL. This routing issue is fixed, so the user is not limited to logging on to the New Portal upon their next login attempt.

Generated passwords no longer masked

Generated passwords are now visible and can be edited on List and Details pages.

For example, in the District (Root Organization) view, select **Admin > Users > Options > Add >** *complete the fields* **> Save**. *Select the new user record* **> Details**. The generated password appears and can be edited.

Filters in Student portal restored

In the Student view, some filters did not return any results. This issue is resolved.

Error messages no longer appear with rich text editor

The CKEdit config file was updated to prevent Aspen from displaying error messages when the rich text editor is used.

Changes to System Tables, User Roles, and Privileges

Review your user roles to ensure the settings are appropriate for the default user roles used in your district (root organization) and any customized roles you've created from Aspen's default roles. The following table lists new and updated system tables and user role security privileges in Aspen:

New or updated privilege	Default roles affected	Description	Where to access
Change to the **Student Schedule Change History** system table		An Add record is created when a student enrolls in a Continuing Education course section via the online functionality.	District (Root Organization) view, **Admin > Data Dictionary >** *select Student Schedule Change History*
Change to the **System Preference** system table		For Unified Login, Aspen no longer allows certain preferences to have duplicate records.	District (Root Organization) view, **Admin > Data Dictionary >** *select System Preference*