

Subject: Ascent™ Financial Information System (FIS) Version 1A is available from Education Technology Labs

We are pleased to announce that the release of the Ascent™ Financial Information System (FIS) Version 1A has been added to the Ed Tech Labs Sharehouse™.

This release contains 2 major menu items:

- Account Balance Inquiry
- Vendor Maintenance

Account Balance Inquiry introduces an exciting new interface to access your accounting information. You

Account Code	Description	Balance	Actions
001.00.0000.00.5140	TEACHERS SALARIES	(\$13,480.00)	[Link]
001.00.0000.00.5400	WAREHOUSE SUPPLIES	(\$1,979.36)	[Link]
001.00.0000.00.5410	SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	(\$392,029.00)	[Link]
001.00.0000.00.5460	FREIGHT EXPENSE	\$2,000.00	[Link]
001.00.0000.00.5470	TAX EXPENSE	\$13,547.00	[Link]

begin with ability to utilize 'substitutional question mark' logic to select account numbers based on individual elements (or portions of elements) within the account structure. The summary information screen is designed to take full advantage of the browser environment to create a more intuitive and streamlined view of your data. Links on the summary page allow you to quickly view the detail information behind the summary totals. While viewing the list of detail transactions, individual invoices can be displayed by simply

clicking on the link indicated by the invoice number. The new Account Balance Inquiry program offers state-of-the-art drill down capability in to your existing financial database.

Vendor Maintenance utilizes a tabbed environment to create a better organized and more efficient view of vendor information. Each tab presents a logical view of pertinent information. In addition to providing full access to existing vendor data, this program introduces the ability to track website and contact information. By

taking full advantage of the browser environment, the vendor's website is available with the click of a button and email can be sent to a contact by simply clicking on the email address. In addition, drill-down capability has been added to the current and prior year totals (found on the 'Profile' tab). For example, this means that instead of just seeing the total of open purchase orders, you can now view the entire list that identifies them by vendor and PO number. Improved identification and use of the category codes is also designed into the new Vendor Maintenance program.

These improvements result in better and more complete access to the data used to manage your district.

To Download:

1. AEE Release 1A must be installed. You can review the installation requirements with your download of this release or go to the ShareHouse to review them.
2. Download Financial Information System (FIS) Version 1A from the Sharehouse.

<http://sharehouse.edtechlabs.org>

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