

The Alameda Unified School District and Technology Services have begun the project and process to migrate to a new Student Information System. That system is Aeries Student Information System and is provided by Eagle Software of Anaheim California.

Because of Eagle Software's focus on California education, Aeries is designed to support California K-12 environments. These include: elementary, middle, and high schools plus continuation, alternative education, and charter schools. Aeries enhancements respond to the changing requirements established by the California Department of Education such as CSIS, R30, CBEDS, CAHSEE, CELDT, Aprenda, STAR (CAT-6), CST, CA Physical Fitness, and other state and federal reporting mandates. Eagle Software is the leader in state and federal reporting technology.

The attached project plan outlines by month all of the deliverables and tasks necessary for a successful and seamless transition to Aeries. Technically the project has started and we feel comfortable working at the pace we and Eagle Software have established. Technologically there are few major challenges to the project. We have all of the required equipment and servers and have been training the support staff on the server systems and the Aeries software. Additionally, we have tested the conversion process and have used real student data to do some training and validate the conversion process from SASI to Aeries.

The single biggest challenge to the seamless migration will be the end user training. We are implementing a trainer-of-trainers with Technology Services and creating Super Users with selected users at each site. We will be video recording most of the user training sessions and will make them available to users over the summer break and fall start of school. We have attended the past Aeries User Conference in Sacramento and have hosted several support training sessions as well as overviews of the software. We have scheduled additional training between now and August based on job function and additional priority (Summer School and Master Scheduling).

We expect to have the sites program the students in Aeries and create all schedules and student lists in Aeries for the 10-11 school year.

We are cautiously optimistic that the conversion will be seamless and any issues will be minor and easily resolved by our well-trained users and technology support staff.

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