

## Employee Web Guide

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# Getting Started

## Using Aesop Successfully

**Note: This guide covers most of the functions that are available to employees in Aesop. These functions are permission based. If you see something in this guide that you are not able to do, your district may not have given you permission to access this function.**

### Create absences online or on the phone

Aesop offers both phone and Web services, so that you can create an absence anytime, anywhere. Online absences can be created as far as one year in advance. As soon as you register an absence, Aesop starts finding a qualified, available substitute for you.

### Manage your schedule

With Aesop you can track how many absences you have taken and see absences you have already scheduled in the future. You can also track the types of absences you have on record, such as personal or professional development day. Aesop offers an easy way to store all your absence information in one place.

### Leave notes and attachments for the substitute

By writing notes or attaching documents to your absence, you can assure that your substitute is prepared to handle your duties during your absence. Aesop lets both the district and the employee leave notes, as well as attach Word documents and PDF's to the absence.

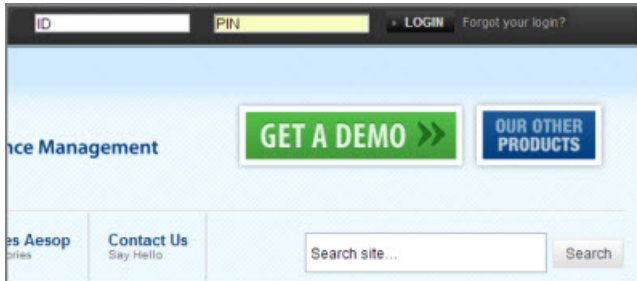
## Log on to Aesop

The first step to log on to Aesop is to visit the Aesop website. Put [www.FrontlineK12.com/Aesop](http://www.FrontlineK12.com/Aesop) into your internet browser's address bar and hit the **Enter** button on your keyboard.

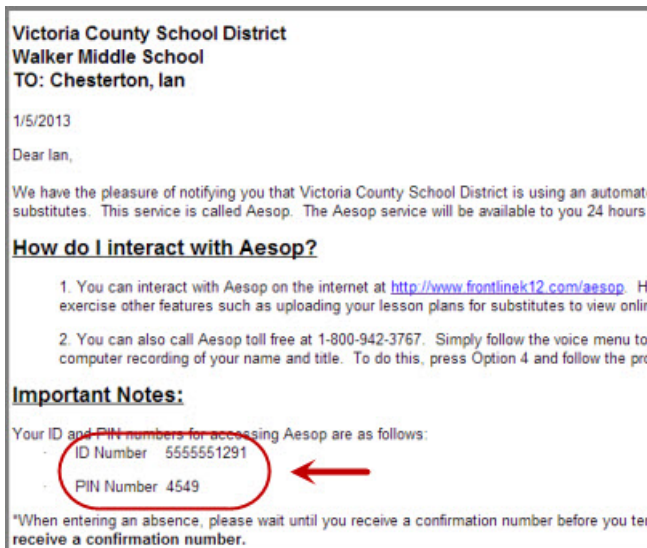


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This will take you to the Aesop website. At the top right corner of this page you will see the area to login. Use the **ID** (most likely your 10-digit phone number) and **PIN** provided to you by your district. Once you have entered this info into the boxes click the **Login** button.

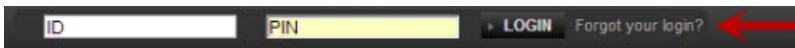


If you are new to Aesop your district may have provided you with a **Welcome Letter**. Your ID and PIN will be in this letter.



### What if I forgot my PIN?

You can click the "Forgot your login" which will open a new page. On this page you can have a PIN reminder sent to your email address.



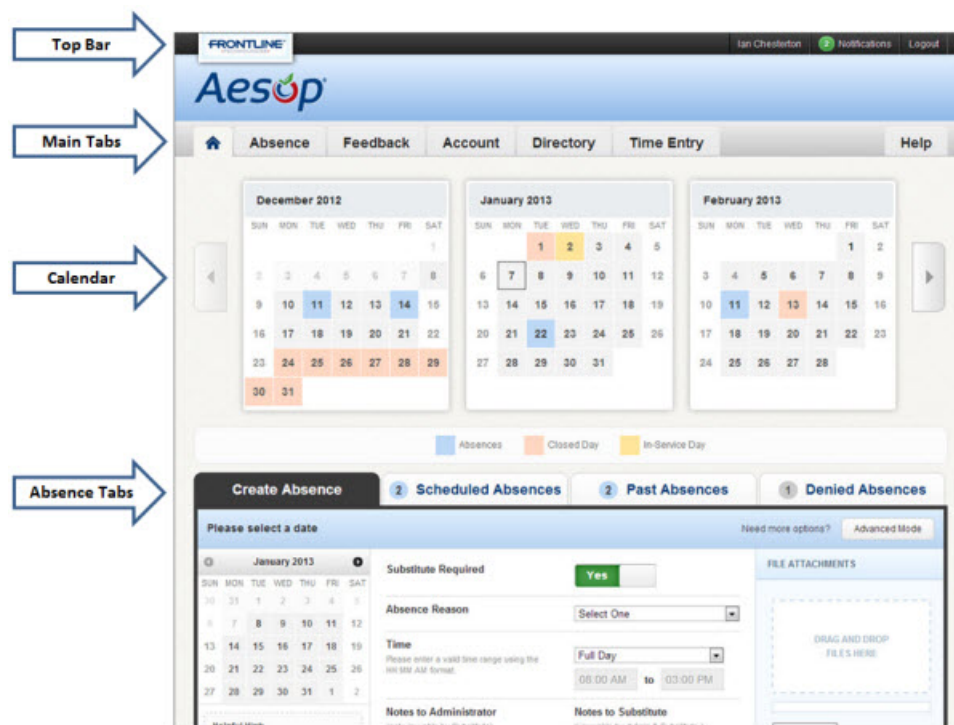
# Home Page

## Web Alerts

Before you are taken to your home page you may first get a pop-up of your Web Alerts. Web Alerts are alerts that have been created by your district for employees to see. They can contain important general information that may be useful to you. Once you have read the alerts you can click the **Dismiss** button to move on. These web alerts can be revisited at any time from the Top Bar.

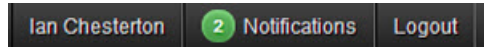


Once you have dismissed your Web Alerts you will be able to view your home page.



## Top Bar

At the very top of your home page you will see a black bar with three different buttons you can click on.



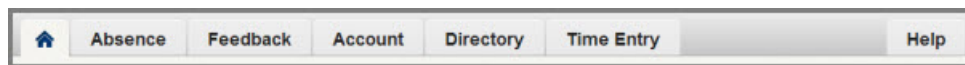
**Your Name** - Clicking on your name will take you to your Account tab where you can change things like your personal info, PIN, and your preference list. These items will be covered in more detail later in this guide.

**Notifications** - Click here to view the Web Alerts your district has sent you.

**Logout** - Click the Logout option to log out of Aesop and be taken back to the login page.

## Main Tabs

The Main Tabs will help you navigate quickly to the different areas of your Employee website.



**Home Tab** - The tab with the blue house icon is your Home Tab. You can click this tab from anywhere in the website to be taken back to the home page.

**Absence** - The Absence Tab will take you to the absence creation page.

**Feedback** - Clicking the Feedback Tab will take you to the feedback section of the site where you can leave feedback for absences that ended in the past 14 days. You can also view past feedback that you left or was left for you.

**Account** - The Account Tab will take you to where you can change your personal info, change your PIN, edit your preferred subs, and view your absence reason balances.

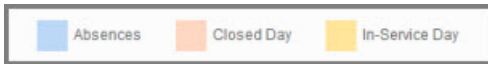
**Directory** - Under the Directory Tab you can view substitute phone numbers as well as a list of people who approve your absences.

**Time Entry** - If your district uses the Frontline product Veritime, you will be able to access it under the Time Entry tab.

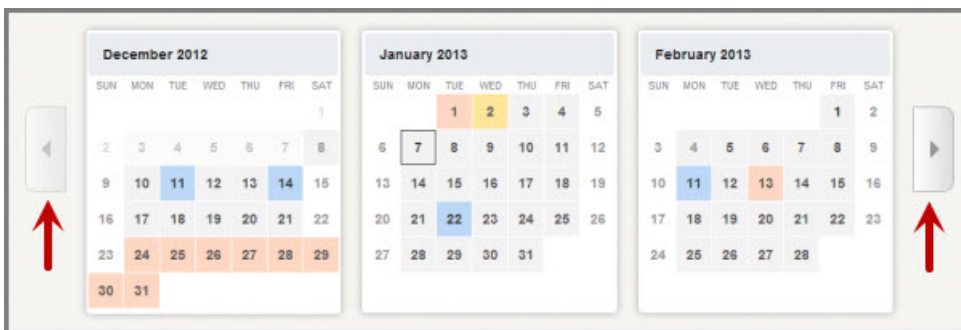
**Help** - The Help Tab will bring you to a page where you can access user guides and training videos.

## Calendar

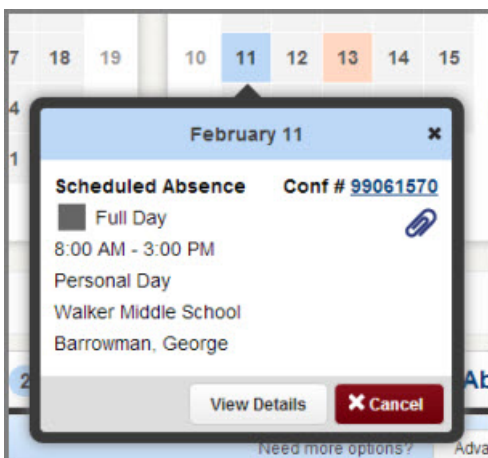
Just below the main tabs is your calendar. The calendar is color coded to show the different types of days.



You can move forward and backward in time on the calendar by using the arrows indicated below.

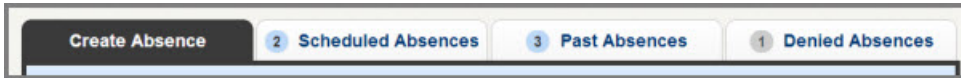


Clicking on an individual day in the calendar will pop up information about that day. If it is an absence day you will have options (depending on your permission setup) in the pop-up to cancel the absence, view more details, or view attached documents.



## Absence Tabs

In the Absence Tabs you can create new absences as well as view upcoming, past, and denied absences. Clicking these tabs will not take you away from the Home Page but will change what you are viewing on the Home Page.



**Create Absence** - Here you can create a basic absence right from the Home Page.

**Scheduled Absences** - Under this tab you can view a list of upcoming absences that you have already scheduled. Depending on your permissions you may also be able to cancel an absence from here.

**Past Absences** - Under this tab you can view your past absences for the past 30 days.

**Denied Absences** - Under this tab you can view any absence requests that were denied by your approver.



# Absence Creation

**Note: Absence creation may look slightly different on your website depending on your district's settings**

There are many things you can do and see on your Aesop website, but as an employee one of the most important things is the ability to create an absence. We have made it easy for you to do this right from your Home Page.

## Basic Absence Creation

To start the absence creation process scroll down to the **Create Absence** tab on the Home Page.

The screenshot shows the 'Create Absence' form with the following elements:

- Navigation Tabs:** 'Create Absence' (active), '2 Scheduled Absences', '3 Past Absences', and '1 Denied Absences'.
- Date Selection:** A calendar for January 2013 with the 8th highlighted in blue. A 'Please select a date' prompt is at the top left.
- Substitute Required:** A toggle switch set to 'Yes'.
- Absence Reason:** A dropdown menu labeled 'Select One'.
- Time:** A dropdown menu set to 'Full Day' and a time range selector showing '08:00 AM to 03:00 PM'. A note below says 'Please enter a valid time range using the HH:MM AM format'.
- Notes to Administrator:** A text area labeled '(not viewable by Substitute)' with a '255 character(s) left' indicator.
- Notes to Substitute:** A text area labeled '(viewable by Admin & Substitute)' with a '255 character(s) left' indicator.
- File Attachments:** A section titled 'FILE ATTACHMENTS' with a dashed box for 'DRAG AND DROP FILES HERE', a 'Choose File' button, and the text 'No file chosen'. Below it is a 'Related Files' section.
- Buttons:** 'Cancel' and 'Create Absence' (with a checkmark icon) at the bottom right.
- Advanced Mode:** A link for 'Advanced Mode' at the top right.

Most absence scenarios can be created right here from the home page.

### Choose the Date/Dates

When selecting your absence date simply click on the single day and it will be highlighted in blue.



You can also click on multiple days to create a multi-day absence. The days do not have to be consecutive.



**Helpful Hint:**  
You can select multiple days individually or click-and-drag to select a range of dates.

### Absence Details

The next step is to fill in some details.

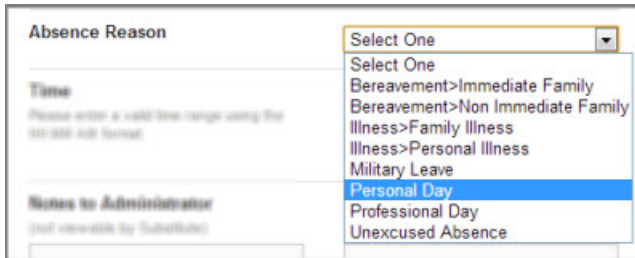
A screenshot of the 'Absence Details' form. It contains several sections: 'Substitute Required' with a green 'Yes' button; 'Absence Reason' with a dropdown menu showing 'Select One'; 'Time' with a dropdown menu showing 'Full Day' and a time range of '08:00 AM to 03:00 PM'; and two text areas: 'Notes to Administrator (not viewable by Substitute)' and 'Notes to Substitute (viewable by Admin & Substitute)', both with a '255 character(s) left' indicator.

**Substitute Required** - This option may already be predetermined for you but you may have the option to choose if a sub is required or not. To change the option from "Yes" to "No" just click to move the slider.



A slider control for "Substitute Required". The slider is currently positioned to the right, indicating "No". A red arrow points to the slider handle.

**Absence Reason** - Choose your absence reason from the dropdown list.



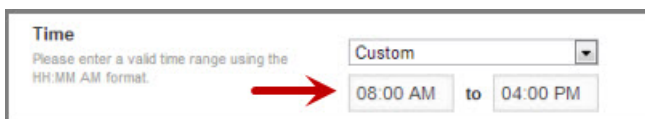
A dropdown menu for "Absence Reason". The menu is open, showing a list of options: "Select One", "Bereavement>Immediate Family", "Bereavement>Non Immediate Family", "Illness>Family Illness", "Illness>Personal Illness", "Military Leave", "Personal Day", "Professional Day", and "Unexcused Absence". The "Personal Day" option is highlighted in blue.

**Time** - Choose what type of absence this is. Is it a Full Day Absence? Is it a Half Day Absence? Depending on your district's setup you may have the option to choose a custom absence as well.



A dropdown menu for "Time". The menu is open, showing a list of options: "Full Day", "Full Day", "Half Day AM", "Half Day PM", and "Custom". The "Full Day" option is highlighted in blue.

If you do need to enter custom times, choose "Custom" from the dropdown and then enter the custom times in the boxes provided.



The "Time" dropdown menu is set to "Custom". A red arrow points to the input fields below the dropdown, which are "08:00 AM" and "04:00 PM" separated by a "to" label.

## Optional Details

There are a couple of optional things you can do as well before saving the absence.

**Notes** - You have the ability to leave notes for your administrator and for the sub who will be filling in for you. The notes you leave for the administrator **will not** be visible by the sub. The notes you leave for the sub **will** be visible to the administrator.

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<b>Notes to Administrator</b> (not viewable by Substitute)          255 character(s) left	<b>Notes to Substitute</b> (viewable by Admin & Substitute )  Please don't forget to feed the hamster.          214 character(s) left
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**Attach a File** - Aesop gives you the ability to attach files to your absence for your substitute to see. You can attach Word, Excel, and PDF files.

The screenshot shows a section titled "FILE ATTACHMENTS". Inside, there is a dashed rectangular box with the text "DRAG AND DROP FILES HERE". Below this box is a text input field. At the bottom of the section, there is a button labeled "Choose File" and the text "No file chosen".

To attach a file click the **Choose File** button and browse your computer for the file you want to attach. If you are using a web browser like Chrome or Safari you may also be able to just drag the file right into the drop area you see in the picture above.

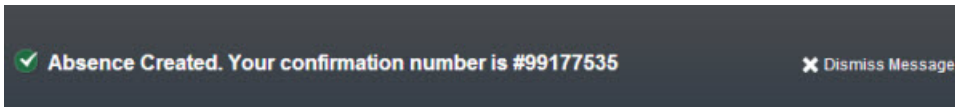
Once you have added a file you will see the name of the file in the File Attachments area. To delete the file use the trash can icon.

This screenshot shows the "FILE ATTACHMENTS" section after a file has been added. The dashed box and "Choose File" button are still present. Below the text input field, there is a blue progress bar. At the bottom, the file name "Lesson Plans.docx" is displayed, along with the text "No Description...". To the right of the file name is a trash can icon, which is used to delete the file.

## Saving the Absence

Once you have filled in all the required fields click the **Create Absence** button at the bottom right corner.

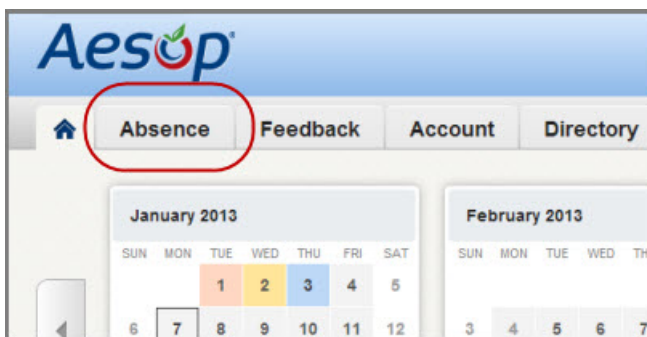
Once the absence is saved you will see a message at the top of your screen which will include the confirmation number. The absence will also show up under the Scheduled Absences tab.



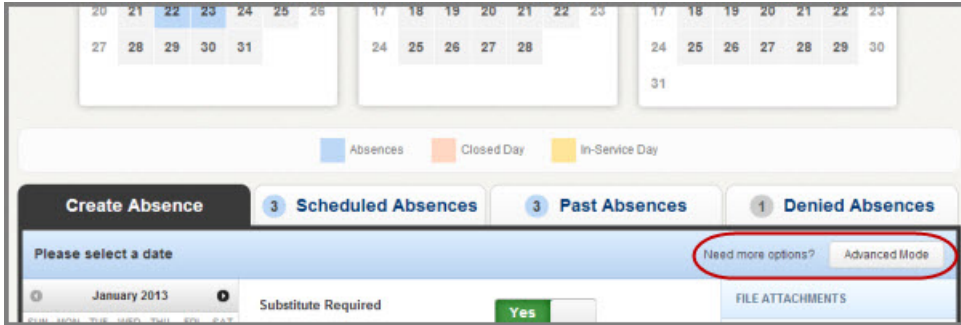
## Advanced Mode

There may be times when you need to create an absence that is a little more complicated. For example, you need to use a personal day for day 1 of the absence but an illness day for day 2 of the absence. For situations like this you can use the **Advanced Mode** of absence creation.

To access the Advanced Mode you can click the Absence Tab in the Main Tabs...



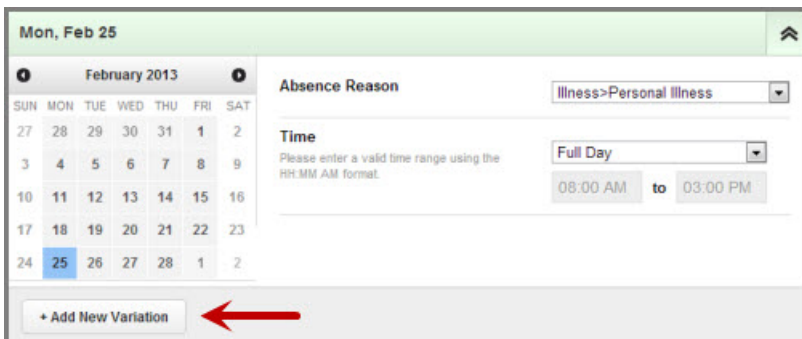
...or you can click the Advanced Mode button found under the Create Absence tab. Both take you to the same place.



Advanced mode is basically the same as the normal absence creation except for one major difference, and that is the ability to add Variations. What is a Variation? Well, let's walk through it.

Let's say you are creating an absence like the one we described above, a different absence reason on each of two days. While in Advanced Mode, fill out the top section like you were creating an absence just for the first day.

Once you have done that click the button **+ Add New Variation**.



This will expand the absence creation area with a new section called "Variation #2". In this new area you would enter the information for the second day of the absence. This allows you to use one absence reason for the first day and a completely different absence reason for the second day.

✓ Create Absence
Cancel

**Variation #1 - Mon, Feb 25**
⬆

February 2013						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	1	2

**Absence Reason** Illness>Personal Illness

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**Time**  
Please enter a valid time range using the HH:MM AM format.

Full Day

08:00 AM to 03:00 PM

+ Add New Variation

**Variation #2 - Tue, Feb 26**
⬆

February 2013						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	1	2

**Absence Reason** Personal Day

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**Time**  
Please enter a valid time range using the HH:MM AM format.

Full Day

08:00 AM to 03:00 PM

+ Add New Variation
Delete This Variation

See the image below for another example of how Advance Mode could be used. In this example you have a five-day absence where Mon, Wed, Fri are Half Day AM and Tue, Thur are Half Day PM.

✓ Create Absence
Cancel

**Variation #1 - Mon, Feb 25; Wed, Feb 27; Fri, Mar 1**
⬆

March 2013						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

**Absence Reason** Personal Day

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**Time**  
Please enter a valid time range using the HH:MM AM format.

Half Day AM

08:00 AM to 11:30 AM

+ Add New Variation

**Variation #2 - Tue, Feb 26; Thu, Feb 28**
⬆

February 2013						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	1	2

**Absence Reason** Personal Day

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**Time**  
Please enter a valid time range using the HH:MM AM format.

Half Day PM

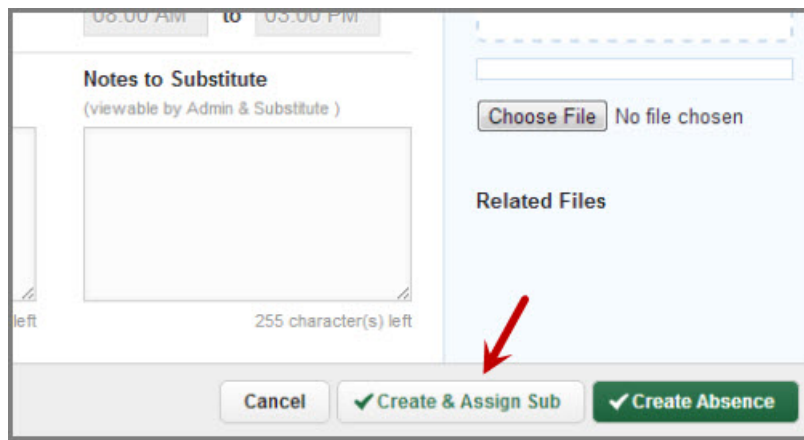
11:31 AM to 03:00 PM

+ Add New Variation
Delete This Variation

You can add as many Variations as you want to create the absence the way you need it. Once you have finished adding Variations you can also add notes and attachments. When you are ready to save the absence click the Create Absence button.

## Assigning Substitutes

Some employees will have the ability to assign a sub to their absence when they create it. If you have been given this permission you will see a "Create & Assign Sub" button at the bottom of the Absence Tab.



## Assign a Sub During Absence Creation

At the end of the absence creation process you will be given the option to go ahead and assign a sub (see above image).

**Important:**

**It is your Responsibility to communicate with the substitute of your choice to ensure that they are willing to accept the assignment before you assign them. Aesop will not notify substitute automatically.**

When you click the **Create & Assign Sub** button a window will open which will allow you to choose the sub to assign. Use the search box to search for subs that are qualified and available to fill your absence. Once you start typing in a last name into the search box, matches will drop down below the box.



When you see the name you want just click on it to select it. Then click the green assign button to assign them to your absence.

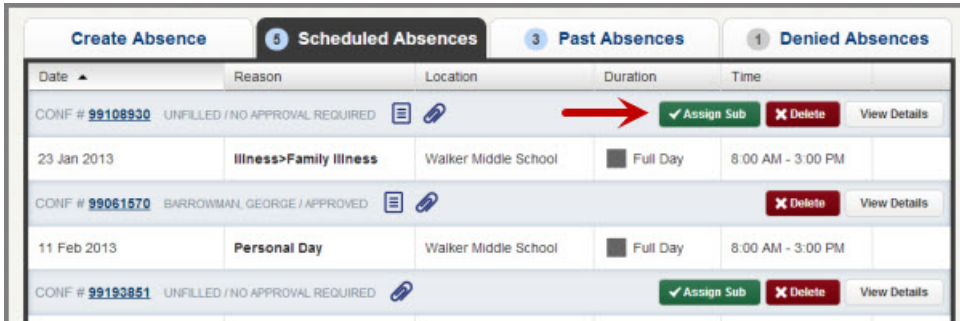
The other option would be to select the sub from your list of preferred subs. This list will appear just below the search box. Just click the circle next to the name of the sub and then click the Assign button. If the person's name is grayed out that means they are not currently available to be assigned.

After you click the Assign button you will get a notification at the top of your screen indicating that the substitute was assigned successfully.

### Assigning a Sub to an Existing Absence

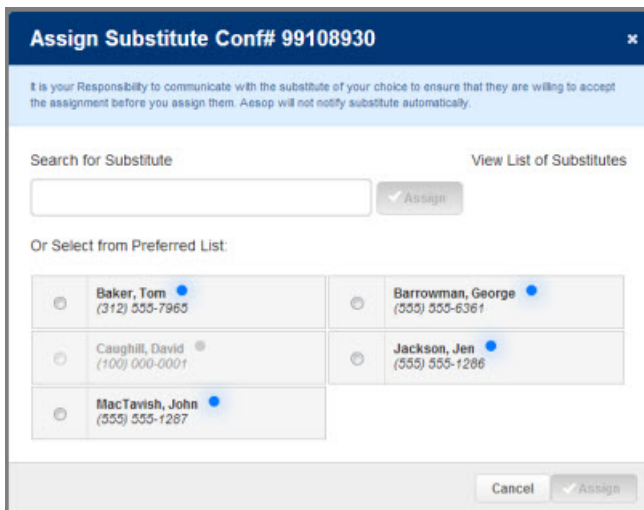
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To view a list of your currently scheduled absences click the **Scheduled Absences** tab. In this list you will see absences that have the green **Assign Sub** button. Click the green button for the absence you want to assign a sub to.



Date	Reason	Location	Duration	Time	
CONF # 99108930	UNFILLED / NO APPROVAL REQUIRED				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assign Sub <input type="checkbox"/> Delete View Details
23 Jan 2013	Illness>Family Illness	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	
CONF # 99061570	BARROWMAN, GEORGE / APPROVED				<input type="checkbox"/> Delete View Details
11 Feb 2013	Personal Day	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	
CONF # 99193851	UNFILLED / NO APPROVAL REQUIRED				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assign Sub <input type="checkbox"/> Delete View Details

This will begin the same assignment process which is [outlined above](#).



**Assign Substitute Conf# 99108930**

It is your Responsibility to communicate with the substitute of your choice to ensure that they are willing to accept the assignment before you assign them. Aesop will not notify substitute automatically.

Search for Substitute View List of Substitutes

Assign

Or Select from Preferred List:

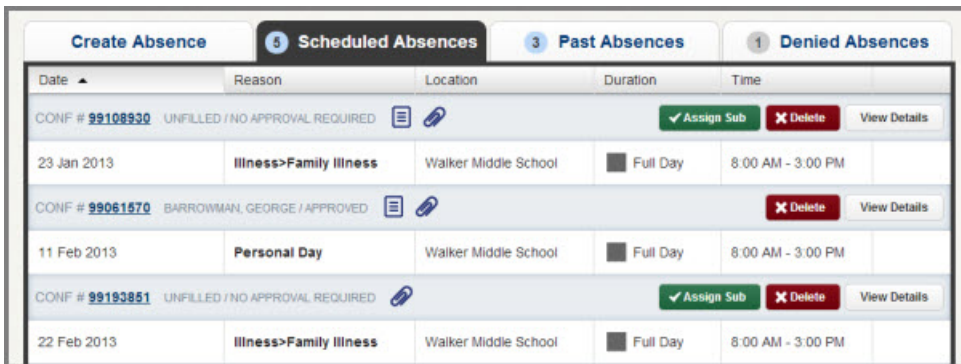
<input type="radio"/> Baker, Tom (312) 555-7965	<input type="radio"/> Barrowman, George (555) 555-6361
<input type="radio"/> Caughill, David (100) 000-0001	<input type="radio"/> Jackson, Jen (555) 555-1286
<input type="radio"/> MacTavish, John (555) 555-1287	






# Managing Absences

Once you have created absences in Aesop you will be able to view them and even modify them when needed.

## Scheduled Absences

Any upcoming absences that you have created in Aesop can be found under the Scheduled Absences tab on your home page. The number on the tab indicates how many absences you have scheduled.



Date	Reason	Location	Duration	Time	
CONF # <a href="#">99108930</a> UNFILLED / NO APPROVAL REQUIRED   <span>Assign Sub</span> <span>Delete</span> <span>View Details</span>					
23 Jan 2013	Illness>Family Illness	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	
CONF # <a href="#">99061670</a> BARROWMAN, GEORGE / APPROVED   <span>Delete</span> <span>View Details</span>					
11 Feb 2013	Personal Day	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	
CONF # <a href="#">99193851</a> UNFILLED / NO APPROVAL REQUIRED  <span>Assign Sub</span> <span>Delete</span> <span>View Details</span>					
22 Feb 2013	Illness>Family Illness	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	

Each absence is represented by two lines, the top line showing the confirmation number, fill status, and approval status. The second line shows the date of the absence, absence reason, and the times of the absence.

## Notes and Attachments


You can view any notes that are on this absence by clicking the **paper icon**. You can view any file attachments by clicking the **paper clip icon**.



CONF # <a href="#">99108930</a> UNFILLED / NO APPROVAL REQUIRED   <span>Assign Sub</span> <span>Delete</span> <span>View Details</span>					
23 Jan 2013	Illness>Family Illness	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	

## Assign a Sub

If your district has given you the permission to assign subs to your absences you will be able to do this by clicking the green **Assign Sub** button. View more information on assigning subs in the [Absence Creation](#) section of this guide.


CONF # 99108930 UNFILLED / NO APPROVAL REQUIRED     					
23 Jan 2013	Illness>Family Illness	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	

### Cancel an Absence



Another permission you may have been given is the ability to cancel an absence that you have created in Aesop. To cancel an absence click the red **Delete** button.

CONF # 99193983 BAKER, TOM / NO APPROVAL REQUIRED   					
08 Mar 2013	Illness>Family Illness	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	

This will bring up a confirmation pop-up. Confirm the cancellation by clicking the green Yes button.

**Confirm** 








Are you sure you want to cancel absence #99193983?








When you cancel an absence Aesop will notify your administrator as well as the sub in the job if a sub had already been assigned.

### Expand an Absence

If the absence is a multi-day absence you can expand it to view the individual days by clicking the expand button.

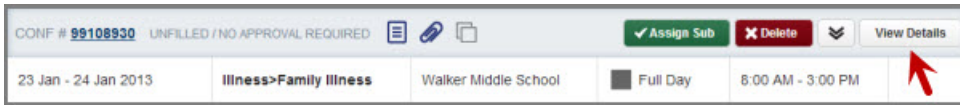
CONF # 99108930 UNFILLED / NO APPROVAL REQUIRED       					
23 Jan - 24 Jan 2013	Illness>Family Illness	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	

Once the absence is expanded you will be able to see each day on its own line. Collapse the absence by clicking the collapse button.

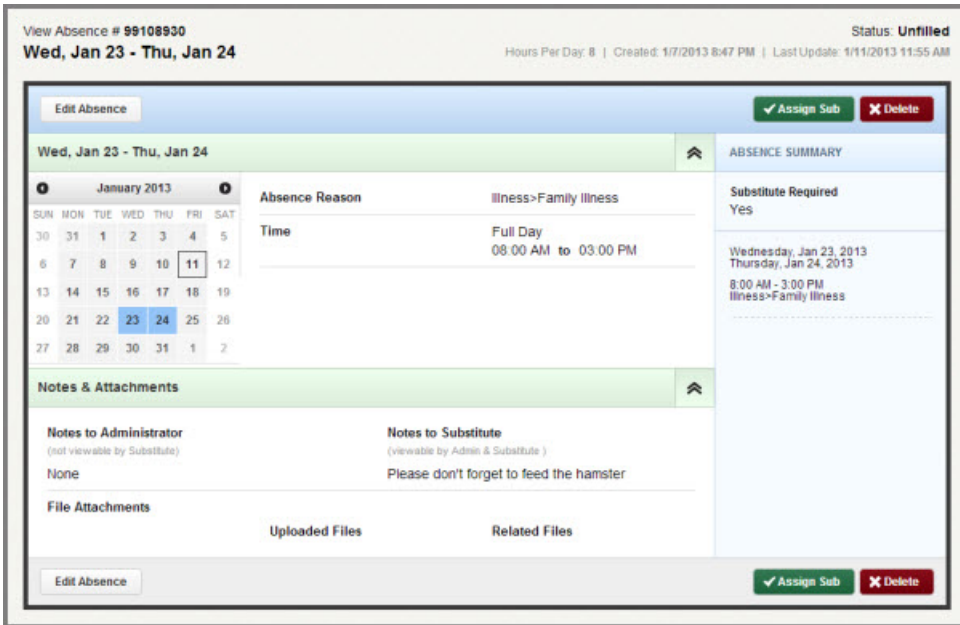
CONF # 99108930 UNFILLED / NO APPROVAL REQUIRED       					
23 Jan 2013	Illness>Family Illness	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	
24 Jan 2013	Illness>Family Illness	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	

### Absence Details

Under the Scheduled Absences tab you will get a summary view of all of your upcoming absences. If you want to view an absence in more detail click the **View Details** button.



This will take you to the absence page which shows every detail of the absence.



From this page you can also assign a sub or delete the absence if you have these permissions.

### Edit an Absence

Aesop will allow you to make changes to an absence if the absence has not started yet and if it is still unfilled by a sub. To edit an absence click the Edit Absence button on the absence details page. This button can be found at the top or the bottom of the page.

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View Absence # 99108930  
Wed, Jan 23 - Thu, Jan 24  
Hours Per Day: 8 | Created: 1/7/2013 8:47 PM | Last Update: 1/11/2013 11:55 AM  
Status: Unfiled

Edit Absence Assign Sub Delete

Wed, Jan 23 - Thu, Jan 24

January 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

Absence Reason: Illness>Family Illness

Time: Full Day 08:00 AM to 03:00 PM

Substitute Required: Yes

Wednesday, Jan 23, 2013  
Thursday, Jan 24, 2013  
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Illness>Family Illness

Notes to Administrator (not viewable by Substitute): None

Notes to Substitute (viewable by Admin & Substitute): Please don't forget to feed the hamster

File Attachments: Uploaded Files, Related Files

Edit Absence Assign Sub Delete

Once you are in edit mode you will be able to...

1. Change the date range
2. Change the absence reason
3. Change the absence time
4. Change if a sub is required (you may not have the permission to do this)
5. Add a new variation ([click here for more on variations](#))
6. Add, remove, or change notes
7. Remove or upload documents

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Absence' form for the dates Wednesday, Jan 23 and Thursday, Jan 24, 2013. The interface includes a calendar on the left where the dates 23 and 24 are selected (callout 1). The main form contains the following elements:

- Buttons:** 'Save Absence' (green), 'Save & Assign Sub' (green), 'Cancel' (grey), and 'Delete' (red) are located at the top and bottom of the form.
- Absence Reason:** A dropdown menu is set to 'Illness>Family Illness' (callout 2).
- Time:** A dropdown menu is set to 'Full Day' (callout 3), with a time range of 08:00 AM to 03:00 PM.
- Substitute Required:** A 'Yes' button is highlighted (callout 4).
- Notes & Attachments:**
  - 'Notes to Administrator' (callout 6) and 'Notes to Substitute' (containing the text 'Please don't forget to feed the hamster') are visible.
  - 'File Attachments' section includes 'Uploaded Files' and 'Related Files' (callout 7).
- Calendar:** A calendar for January 2013 is shown on the left, with the dates 23 and 24 highlighted.

You can also delete an absence while in edit mode by clicking the red **Delete** button. To save your changes click the green **Save Absence** button.

## Past Absences

### Recent History

Aesop will keep a list of your absences from the past 30 days under the **Past Absences** tab on the home page.

The screenshot shows the 'Past Absences' tab selected in a navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a table listing absences for the past 30 days. The table has columns for Date, Reason, Location, Duration, and Time. Two absences are visible:

Date	Reason	Location	Duration	Time
14 Dec 2012	Personal Day	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
03 Jan 2013	Illness>Personal Illness	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Each row includes a 'View Details' button and a link to the absence record (e.g., CONF # 99053161).

You will be able to see the basic details of each absence here. If you would like to see more details for a specific absence click the **Confirmation Number** or the **View Details** button.

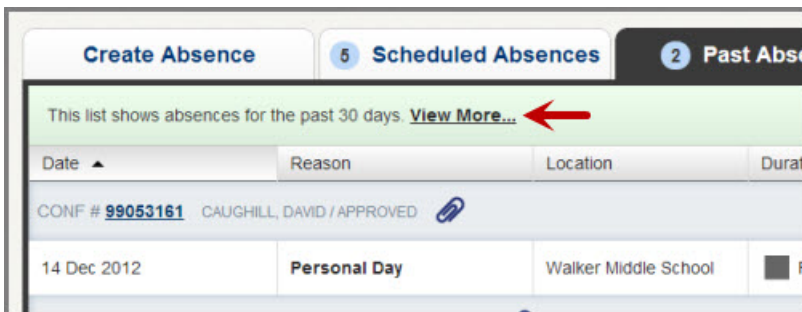


If you need to leave feedback you can click the Leave Feedback button.



### Longer Than 30 Days Ago

If you need to see your absence history from more than 30 days ago you can click the View More link at the top of the list.

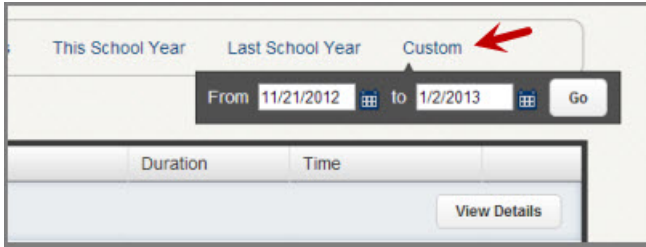


This will take you to a new page showing your history for the past 60 days. On this page you can also click on other options like the last 120 days or even last school year.



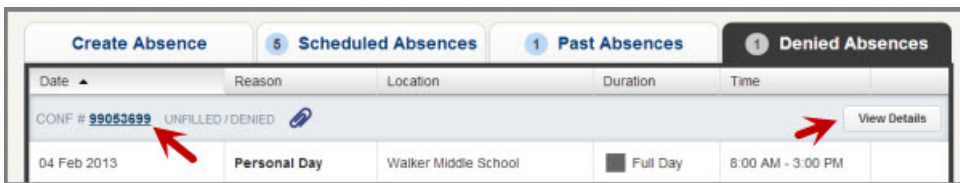
The last option is **Custom**. Click here to put in the specific date range you want to see absences from.



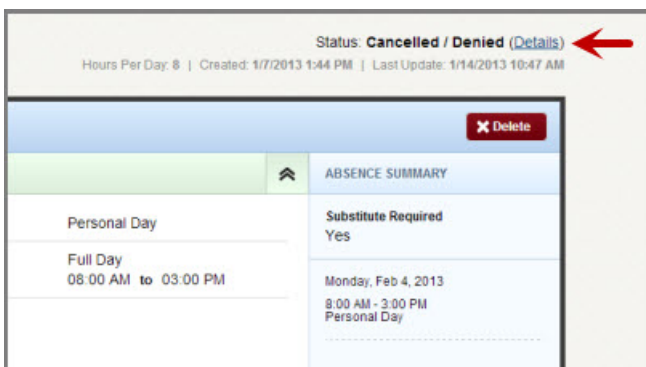


## Denied Absences

A school district may require administrative approval for certain absence reasons, such as personal days and professional development. If your district is using the absence approval feature in Aesop you will see a **Denied Absences** tab on your home page. Click on this tab to see a list of absence requests that were denied by your approver. The basic details of the absence request will be listed here. If you want to see the full details of the absence request click the Confirmation Number or the View Details button.



On the absence details page you will see the status of the absence request at the top right of the screen.



Click the Details link (see arrow above) to get a pop-up which will include any comments left by your approver.

**Approval Status for #99053699** ✕

Status: **Denied**

Level: 1 **Denied**

Comment:

**Super user** 1/14/2013  
We can't have you out this day. Let's discuss an alternate date.

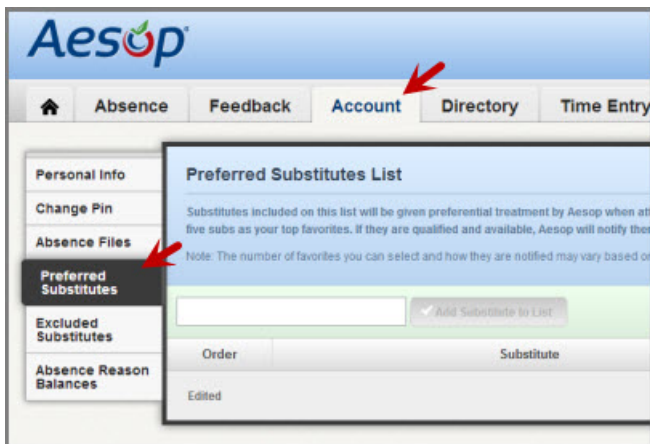
[Close](#)

# Preferred Substitutes

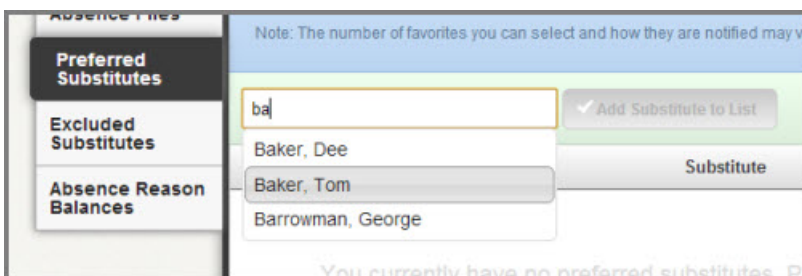
Your district may have given you the ability to select a list of the subs you prefer to fill your absences. Aesop will attempt to contact these subs first when you create an absence.

## Create Your Preferred Sub List

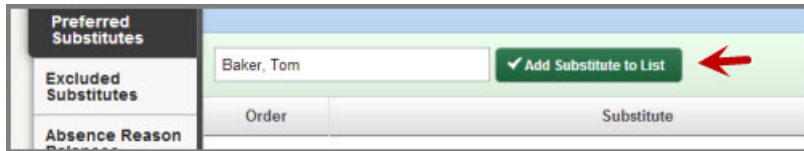
The preferred substitutes option will show up under the Account tab.



To add a substitute to your list start typing in their last name into the search box. You will need to type a minimum of two letters for the search to start showing results.

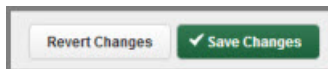


Once you have selected the substitute's name click the **Add Substitute to List** button to add the sub to your preference list.



You can continue to add as many subs as you would like to your list this way. You probably don't want to add every sub in the district though because this would defeat the purpose of picking the ones you prefer. We recommend not picking many more than five.

Don't forget to click the **Save Changes** button any time you want to save the changes you made to your preferred list.



## Favorite Five

Once you have added a number of subs to your preference list you can select up to five of them to be your **Favorite Five**. The Favorite Five will get even more of an advantage when attempting to fill your absences. Substitutes that are marked as favorites, and who are considered "qualified and available" at the time the absence is created, will be notified instantly by email when you create an absence that needs a sub. Also, Aesop will begin calling the Favorite Five subs during the next evening calling period up to 120 nights before the absence.

To mark someone as a favorite, simply click the heart icon on their row in the preferred list. If the heart turns red you know you did it correctly.

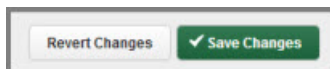


Once you have marked your favorites you can order them by using the up and down arrows on the left. You can also drag them up or down in the order by clicking the drag icon and dragging them into the position you want them. Ordering your Favorite Five will determine in what order Aesop will attempt to contact them when making calls.

1	Baker, Tom ★★★★☆		
2	Tyler, Rose		
3	Chan, Alice ★★★★☆		
4	Barrowman, George		
5	Caughill, David ★★★★☆		
	Smith, Joe		

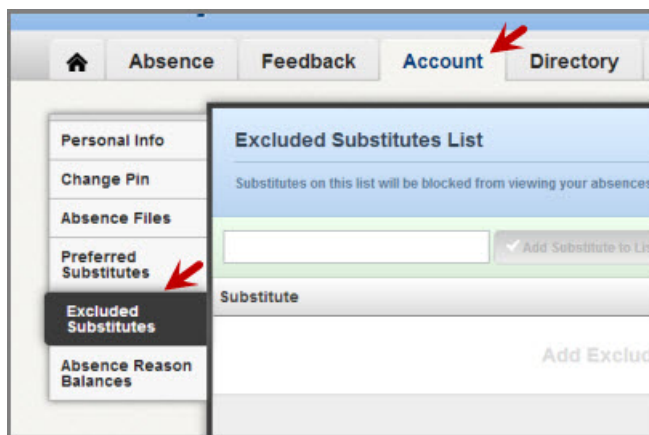
To delete a person from your preferred list click the trash can icon.

Don't forget to click the **Save Changes** button any time you want to save the changes you made to your preferred list.

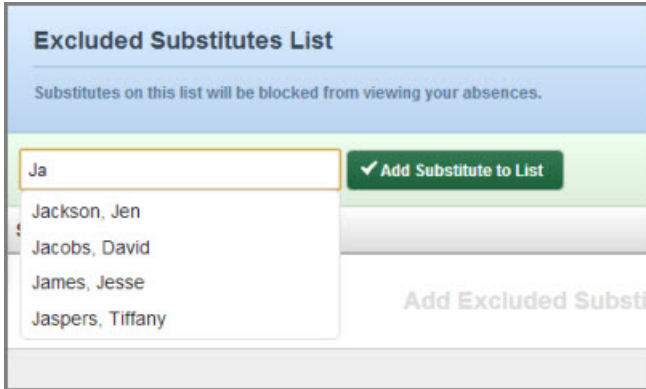


## Excluded Substitutes List

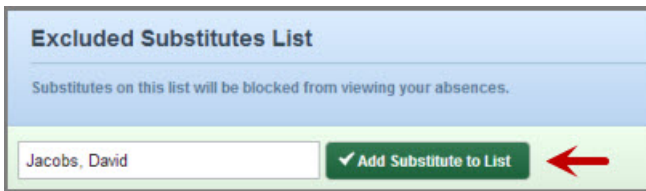
Another option you may have is to create a list of substitutes that you never want filling your absences. Go to the **Excluded Substitutes** option under the Account tab.



To add a substitute to your list start typing in their last name into the search box. You will need to type a minimum of two letters for the search to start showing results.

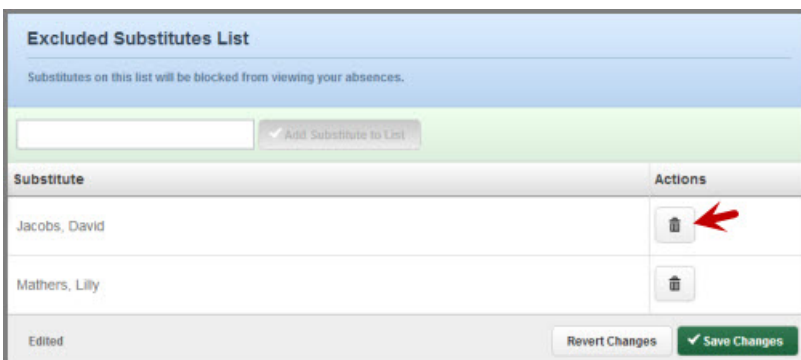


Once you have selected the substitute's name click the **Add Substitute to List** button to add the sub to your exclude list.

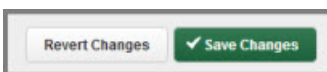


When you add someone to your exclude list you are preventing them from seeing absences that you create. You can add as many names as you like but we recommend keeping the list relatively small.

To remove someone from your exclude list click the trash can icon.



Don't forget to click the **Save Changes** button any time you want to save the changes you made to your list.

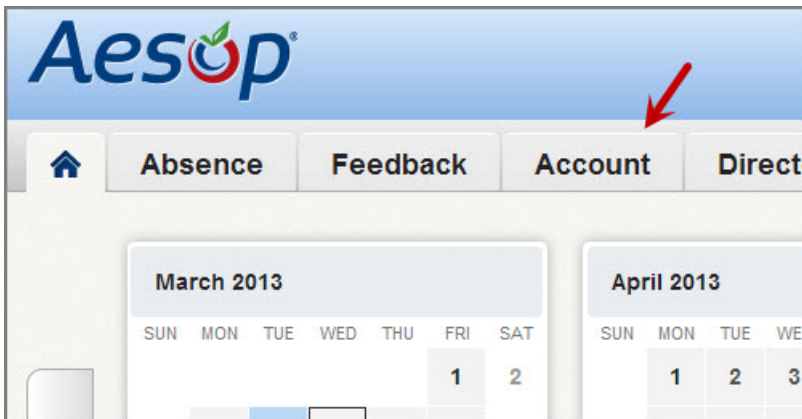


# Account

The Account section is where you can go to edit some of your personal settings. You will be able to edit things like your personal info and PIN and also view your Absence Reason Balances.

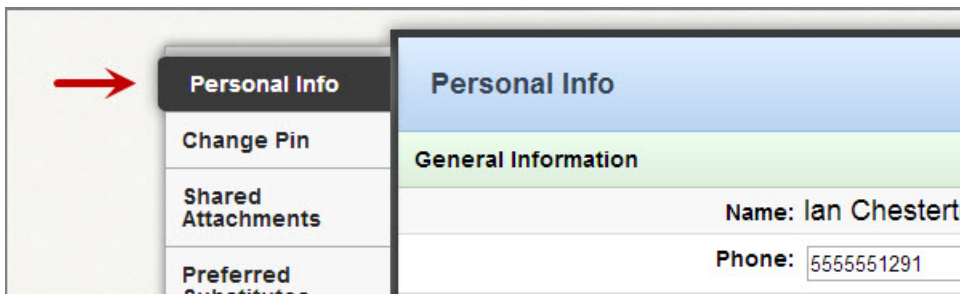
If you are looking for information on setting up preferred substitutes, [go here](#).

To access the Account section click the **Account** tab on your home page.



## Personal Info

To view and/or change your personal info click the **Personal Info** option in the left menu.



Once you open this page you are in edit mode and can make changes. Most districts allow their employees to change their email address and phone number. You may have permission to edit other info as well. Information that can be edited will show in a text box. Info that cannot be edited will show as regular text.

Personal Info	
<b>General Information</b>	
Name:	Ian Chesterton
Phone:	<input type="text" value="5555551291"/>
Email Address:	<input type="text" value="ichesterton@email.com"/>
Title:	5th Grade
Room Number:	Main Office
Language:	<input type="text" value="English"/> <input type="button" value="v"/>
Start Time:	
End Time:	
HalfDayAM End Time:	
Half Day PM Start Time:	
<b>Address</b>	
Address1:	221B Baker Street
Address2:	
Address3:	
Address4:	
State:	PA
City:	Exton
Zip Code:	19341
<input type="button" value="Save"/>	

If you make any changes click the **Save** button to save the changes.

## Change PIN

The next option in your Account menu is to change your PIN. This is the PIN you use to log into Aesop.

Personal Info	<b>Change your Pin</b>
<b>Change Pin</b>	
Shared Attachments	
Preferred Substitutes	
Excluded Substitutes	
Absence Reason Balances	
	Old Pin <input type="text"/>
	New Pin <input type="text"/>
	Confirm New Pin <input type="text"/>
	<input type="button" value="Clear Form"/> <input type="button" value="Apply"/>

To change your pin:

1. Enter you old pin.
2. Enter your new pin.
3. Confirm by entering your new pin again.

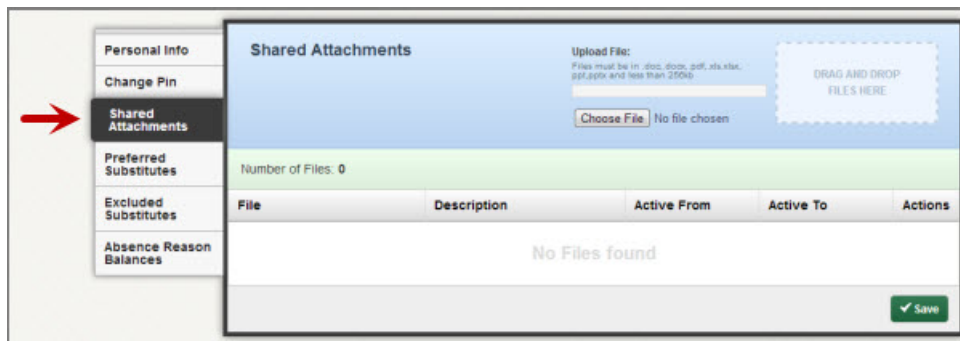


4. Click the Apply button to save.

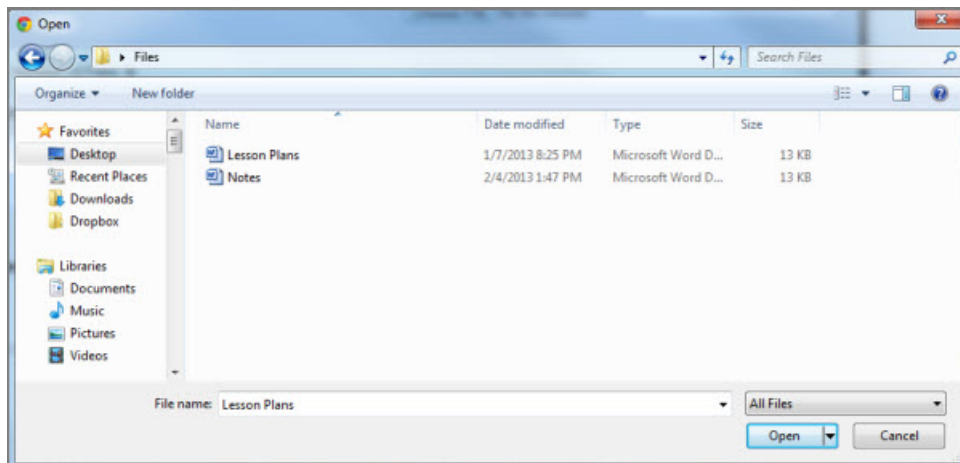
**Note:** Pins must be 4 or 5 digits long and can only be numerical.

## Shared Attachments

In Aesop you can upload files and documents that will be attached to all of the absences you create. Once uploaded you can determine what date range these files will be active.



To upload a file click the **Choose File** button. This will open the file system in your computer where you can choose the file to upload.



Files must be in .doc, .docx, .pdf, .xls, .xlsx, .ppt, or .pptx format and no larger than 256kb.

Once you have uploaded the file you will see it in the file list. Here you can give it a description and active to and from dates. The to and from dates will control when the files will be visible to subs who take your jobs.

File	Description	Active From	Active To	Actions
Notes.docx	Notes for subs	3/11/2013	5/31/2013	
				Save

Click the **Save** button to save the file or files you have uploaded.

## Absence Reason Balances

Your district may be using Aesop to help track your Absence Reason Balances. You will be able to check those balances right here on your Aesop website. To access this information click the **Absence Reason Balances** option under the **Account** tab.

Absence Reason Balances					Last Calculated: Monday, March 11, 2013
Absence Reason	Initial	Used	Pending	Balance	
Personal Day	3.00 Days as of Sunday, July 01, 2012	1.00 Days	1.00 Days	2.00 Days 1.00 Days after Pending	

Balances can be calculated in days or hours depending on your district's settings.

**Initial** - This is the initial number of days or hours given to you for this absence reason.

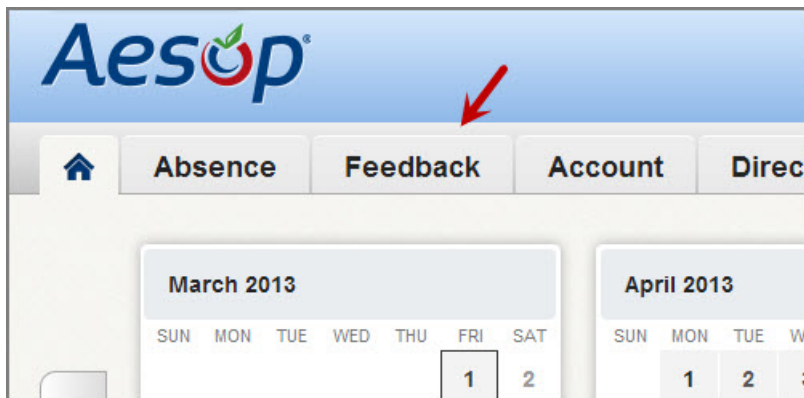
**Used** - The number of days or hours you have used so far.

**Pending** - The number of days or hours that you have scheduled for upcoming absences.

**Balance** - This is your current absence reason balance. You can also see your "Days/Hours after Pending" balance which calculates in your pending time.

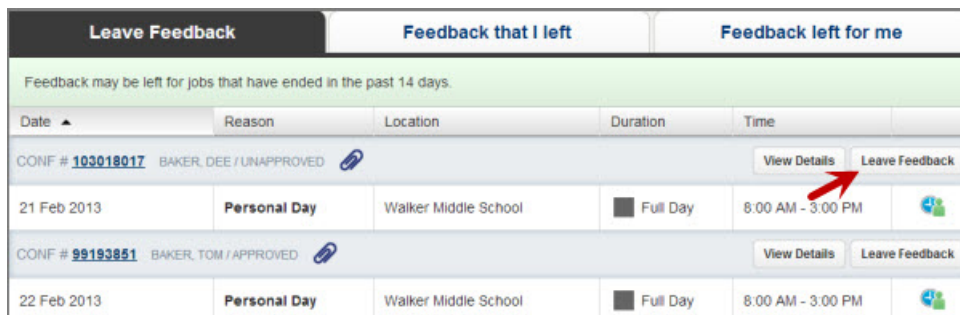
# Feedback

Many districts use Aesop to help collect data about the substitute's job performance. If your district has opted to use this feedback feature, you will see a Feedback tab at the top of your home page.



## Leaving Feedback

Click on the Feedback tab to be taken to a list of all of the absences from the past 14 days that you can leave feedback on. To leave you feedback regarding the substitute click on the **Leave Feedback** button for the individual absence.



Leave Feedback		Feedback that I left		Feedback left for me	
Feedback may be left for jobs that have ended in the past 14 days.					
Date	Reason	Location	Duration	Time	
CONF # <a href="#">103018017</a>	BAKER, DEE / UNAPPROVED				<a href="#">View Details</a> <a href="#">Leave Feedback</a>
21 Feb 2013	Personal Day	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	<a href="#">View Details</a> <a href="#">Leave Feedback</a>
CONF # <a href="#">99193851</a>	BAKER, TOM / APPROVED				<a href="#">View Details</a> <a href="#">Leave Feedback</a>
22 Feb 2013	Personal Day	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	<a href="#">View Details</a> <a href="#">Leave Feedback</a>

This will take you to a page where you can answer questions about how the substitute did. The first thing you will want to do is choose an overall rating. This is a 1 to 5 star rating with 1 star meaning their performance was "poor" and 5 stars meaning it was "outstanding". Hover over and click on the number of stars you would like to give.

Leave Feedback		Feedback left for me		
Date	Reason	Location	Duration	Time
CONF # <b>103018017</b> BAKER, DEE / APPROVED <span style="float: right;">View Details</span>				
21 Feb 2013	<b>Personal Day</b>	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
<b>Select an overall score that represents how you would rate the experience you had in this position.</b>				
★★★★★ Outstanding				

Below the star rating you will see a list of questions you can answer. These question may have been customized by your district so the questions you see in this guide may differ from what you see on your web page.

**Note:** If a question is marked with \*\*\* that means the district requires an answer to that question before the feedback can be submitted.

<p><b>Please answer the following questions:</b></p> <p><b>Questions marked with an *** are required</b></p> <p>Was all classroom work collected?</p> <input type="text" value="Yes"/>
<p>Was the room left as neat and clean as it was found?</p> <input type="text" value="The room was cleaner than when I left it!"/>

Once you have marked your star rating and answered the questions you can click the **Submit** button at the bottom of the page. Once you submit your feedback you will not be able to go back in and edit it.

Were any disciplinary issues reported?
<input type="text" value="No"/>
General Notes/Comments
<input type="text" value="Great job overall!"/>
<input type="button" value="Reset"/> <input checked="" type="button" value="Submit"/>

## Reviewing Feedback You Left

After you have left feedback for absences in Aesop you can review the feedback for all jobs in the current school year. To do this, click on the **Feedback that I left** tab in the feedback section.

Leave Feedback		Feedback that I left		Feedback left for me	
This list includes all feedback for the current school year.					
Date	Time	Duration	Location		
Fox, Tim High School Science   Report to: Main Office CONF #95432060 <a href="#">View Feedback</a>					
Thu, 11/8/2012	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Full Day	Vanderbilt High School		
Chesterton, Ian 5th Grade   Report to: Main Office CONF #101762534 <a href="#">View Feedback</a>					
Fri, 1/25/2013	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Full Day	Walker Middle School		

To view the details of the feedback that you left click the View Feedback link for the specific absence.

Location	
CONF #95432060	<a href="#">View Feedback</a>
Vanderbilt High School	

### Reviewing Feedback Left by the Sub

Your district may also allow the substitutes to leave feedback about their job experience while filling in for you. If your district has given you the permission to see this feedback you will see the tab **Feedback left for me**. Click this tab to view a list of the feedback.



Leave Feedback		Feedback that I left		Feedback left for me	
This list includes all feedback for the current school year.					
Date	Reason	Location	Duration	Time	
CONF # 101762534 BAKER, TOM / NO APPROVAL REQUIRED <a href="#">View Details</a> <a href="#">View Feedback</a>					
25 Jan 2013	Vacation	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	

To view the details of the feedback that the substitute left about their job experience, click the View Feedback link.

Duration	Time	
		<a href="#">View Details</a> <a href="#">View Feedback</a>
Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	

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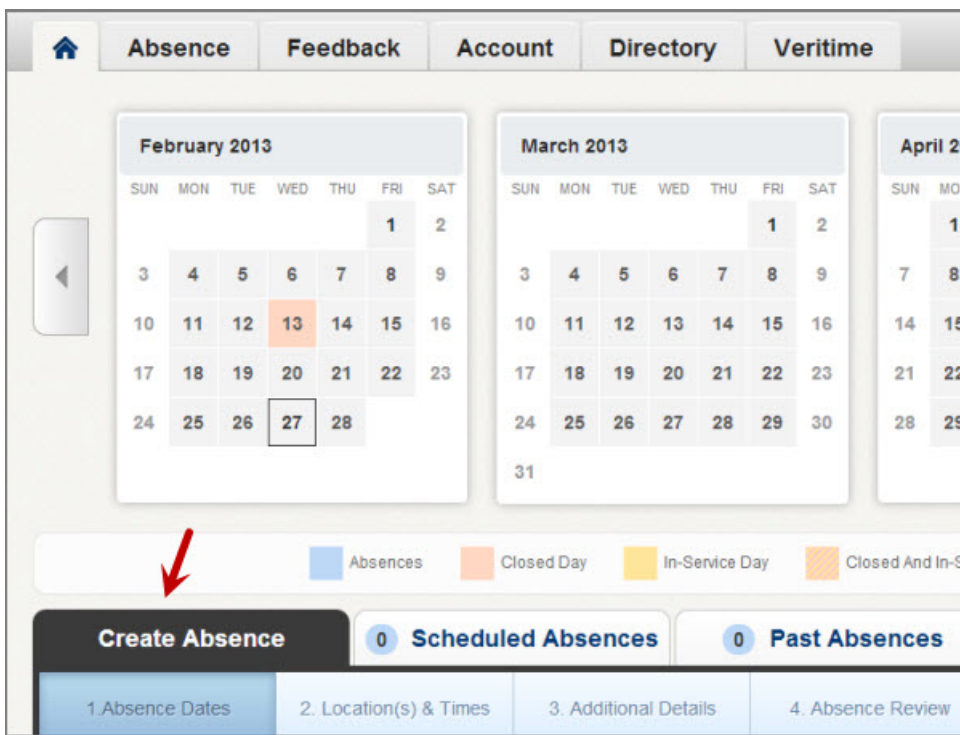
This will take you to a page where you can see all the answers they submitted to the feedback questions they were presented with.

Date ▲	Reason	Location	Duration	Time	
CONF # <b>101762534</b> BAKER, TOM / NO APPROVAL REQUIRED					<a href="#">View Details</a>
25 Jan 2013	<b>Vacation</b>	Walker Middle School	Full Day	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM	
<b>Feedback Rating</b>  Outstanding					
Notes regarding lesson plans <i>We were able to get through to Unit 7 in Algebra.</i>					
I also taught... <i>No response given</i>					
Messages for the permanent teacher <i>Thank you again! The students were wonderful.</i>					
Notes regarding behavior <i>No problems.</i>					
Students who were absent <i>Maria was out sick.</i>					
Terrific helpers <i>No response given</i>					

# Itinerant Employees

If you are an employee that works at multiple buildings within your district the absence creation process will look a little bit different for you. Aesop will take you through a 4 step process to help you create your absence.

To start the process click the **Create Absence** tab on your home page.



## Step 1 - Absence Dates

In the first step you will select the date or the date range of the absence. You will also select the Absence Reason. You may also have to select if a substitute is needed or not if your district requires that.

To select a date just click it in the calendar and it will turn blue. You can click multiple dates if needed.

1. Absence Dates | 2. Location(s) & Times | 3. Additional Details | 4. Absence Review | [Switch to Advanced Mode](#)

Please select the day(s) you will be absent.

**February 2013**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	1	2

**Sub Required**  
 Yes

**Absence Reason**  
Personal Day

Note: Separate reasons per day can be configured on Step2.

Next Step: [Set Location\(s\) and Time](#)

SELECTED DATES  
Wednesday, Feb 27, 2013

To move on to the next step click the **Set Location(s) and Time** button at the bottom of the page.

**Note:** If you miss filling information that is required you will see a red warning message like this.

• Please select at least one Absence Reason.

**February 2013**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	1	2

**Sub Required**  
 Yes

**Absence Reason**  
Select One

Note: Separate reasons per day can be configured on Step2.

## Step 2 - Locations(s) & Times

On this next step you will first select which of your schools you will be absent from. If you are going to be absent from more than one school you will be able to select that. For now just pick the first school you will be absent from.

You will also see the day of the week highlighted. If you will be absent more than one day you will see multiple days highlighted. To create your absence for the same times across all days, leave them all highlighted. If your times will be different on different days, deselect the days that will be different by clicking on them. You will be able to add them in a later step.



I will be absent from:  
 Select One

On the following days:  
 .SUN .MON .TUE .WED **THU** **FRI** .SAT

In this step you will also be able to edit your absence reason. You will want to select whatever absence reason applies to the School and days you just selected. If you are going to be absent from one school for the first half of the day and a different school for the second half of the day, you will only have to select the one school's times here. You will add the next school and its times later.

Absence Reason: Personal Day

Time: Half Day AM  
 Please enter a valid time range using the HH:MM AM format.  
 07:00 AM to 12:00 PM

### Variations

Now that you have entered the info for the first part of your absence you can add a Variation. A Variation is a tool that will allow you to enter any number of data combinations to make the absence fit your schedule. To add a variation click the Add New Variation button in the bottom left.

Please add the school(s) and times affected by this absence:

I will be absent from: Williams High School

On the following days: .SUN .MON .TUE .WED **THU** **FRI** .SAT

Absence Reason: Personal Day

Time: Half Day AM  
 Please enter a valid time range using the HH:MM AM format.  
 07:00 AM

+ Add New Variation

Here are a few examples of how you can use Variations.

Absent from one school in the AM and a different school in the PM for the same absence reason. Same schedule on both days of the absence.





## Employee Web Guide

<b>I will be absent from:</b> Williams High School	<b>Absence Reason</b> Personal Day
<b>On the following days:</b> SUN MON TUE WED <b>THU</b> <b>FRI</b> SAT	<b>Time</b> Please enter a valid time range using the HH:MM AM format. Half Day AM 07:00 AM to 12:00 PM
<b>I will be absent from:</b> Hamner High School	<b>Absence Reason</b> Personal Day
<b>On the following days:</b> SUN MON TUE WED <b>THU</b> <b>FRI</b> SAT	<b>Time</b> Please enter a valid time range using the HH:MM AM format. Half Day PM 12:01 PM to 04:00 PM
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Absent from the same school all day but using different absence reasons for each half of the day.


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<b>On the following days:</b> SUN MON TUE WED <b>THU</b> <b>FRI</b> SAT	<b>Time</b> Please enter a valid time range using the HH:MM AM format. Half Day PM 12:01 PM to 04:00 PM

Absent from two different schools with a different schedule on Thursday than Friday.

<p><b>I will be absent from:</b></p> <p>Williams High School</p> <p><b>On the following days:</b></p> <p>SUN MON TUE WED <b>THU</b> FRI SAT</p>	<p><b>Absence Reason</b></p> <p>Personal Day</p> <p><b>Time</b></p> <p>Half Day AM</p> <p>07:00 AM to 12:00 PM</p> <p><small>Please enter a valid time range using the HH:MM AM format.</small></p>	
<p><b>I will be absent from:</b></p> <p>Hamner High School</p> <p><b>On the following days:</b></p> <p>SUN MON TUE WED <b>THU</b> FRI SAT</p>	<p><b>Absence Reason</b></p> <p>Personal Day</p> <p><b>Time</b></p> <p>Half Day PM</p> <p>12:01 PM to 04:00 PM</p> <p><small>Please enter a valid time range using the HH:MM AM format.</small></p>	
<p><b>I will be absent from:</b></p> <p>Williams High School</p> <p><b>On the following days:</b></p> <p>SUN MON TUE WED <b>THU</b> <b>FRI</b> SAT</p>	<p><b>Absence Reason</b></p> <p>Personal Day</p> <p><b>Time</b></p> <p>Custom</p> <p>07:30 AM to 12:00 PM</p> <p><small>Please enter a valid time range using the HH:MM AM format.</small></p>	
<p><b>I will be absent from:</b></p> <p>Hamner High School</p> <p><b>On the following days:</b></p> <p>SUN MON TUE WED <b>THU</b> <b>FRI</b> SAT</p>	<p><b>Absence Reason</b></p> <p>Personal Day</p> <p><b>Time</b></p> <p>Custom</p> <p>12:00 PM to 04:30 PM</p> <p><small>Please enter a valid time range using the HH:MM AM format.</small></p>	

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As you can see, there are limitless combinations you can create with the Variations that will allow you to create an absence that fits your schedule.

**Note:** You can delete a Variation at any time by clicking the trash can button next to that variation. 

When you have finished entering the absence information, click the **Add Additional Details** button.

### Step 3 - Additional Details

1. Absence Dates    2. Location(s) & Times    **3. Additional Details**    4. Absence Review

Please provide any additional information about this absence:

**Notes to Administrator**  
(not viewable by Substitute)  
255 character(s) left

**Notes to Substitute**  
(viewable by Admin & Substitute )  
Don't forget to feed the hamster.  
222 character(s) left

Previous Step: **Set Location(s) and Time**    Next Step: **Review Absence Summary**

In this step you will be able to add notes to the absence.

**Notes to Administrator** - These notes will be visible to the administrator(s) at the school(s) but not visible to the substitute.

**Notes to Substitute** - These notes will be visible to the substitute as well as the administrator(s).

When you have finished entering the notes click the **Review Absence Summary** button to move to the last step.

## Step 4 - Absence Review

In this last step you will see a summary of all of the data in your absence. From here you can make changes to or delete Variations. You can also add brand new Variations at this step.

This is also the place where you can attach files to the absence.

**File Attachments**

DRAG AND DROP FILES HERE

**Choose File** No file chosen

**Uploaded Files**

Notes.docx  
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Once you are satisfied with the data as you have entered it, click one of the **Create** buttons (found in the top right and bottom right corners) to save your absence.

1. Absence Dates
2. Location(s) & Times
3. Additional Details

✓ Create

4. Absence Review

Variation #1 - Thu, Feb 28 - Fri, Mar 1 at Williams High School

February 2013						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	1	2

**School** Williams High School

**Absence Reason** Personal Day

**Time** Half Day AM  
Please enter a valid time range using the HH:MM AM format.

07:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Variation #1**  
Thursday, Feb 28, 2013  
Friday, Mar 1, 2013

Williams High School  
7:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Personal Day

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**Variation #2**  
Thursday, Feb 28, 2013  
Friday, Mar 1, 2013

Hamner High School  
12:01 PM - 4:00 PM  
Personal Day

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Delete This Variation

Variation #2 - Thu, Feb 28 - Fri, Mar 1 at Hamner High School

February 2013						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	1	2

**School** Hamner High School

**Absence Reason** Personal Day

**Time** Half Day PM  
Please enter a valid time range using the HH:MM AM format.

12:01 PM to 04:00 PM

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Notes & Attachments

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**Related Files**

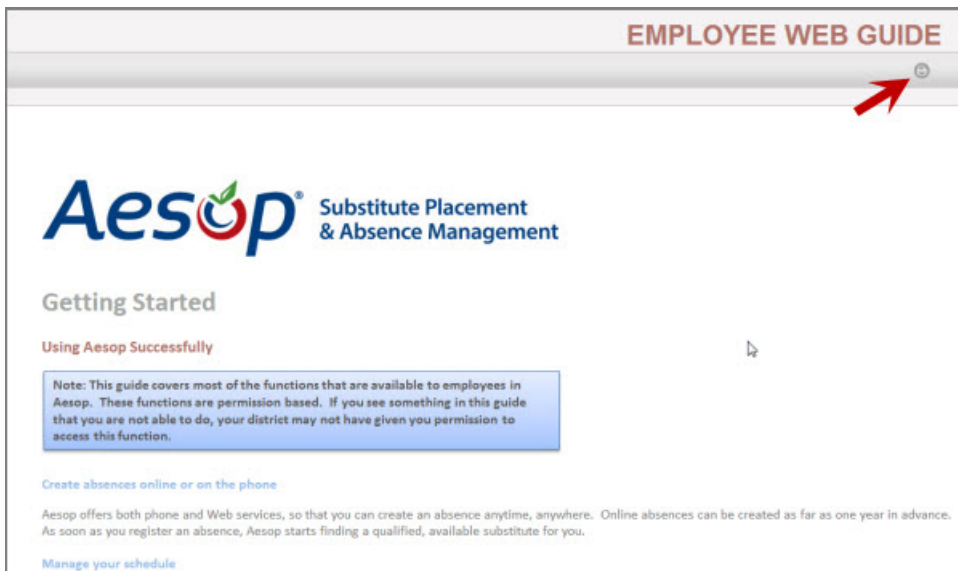
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Choose File No file chosen

Previous Step: Add Additional Details
✓ Create Absence

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