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SCHOOL-BASED TIMEKEEPERS

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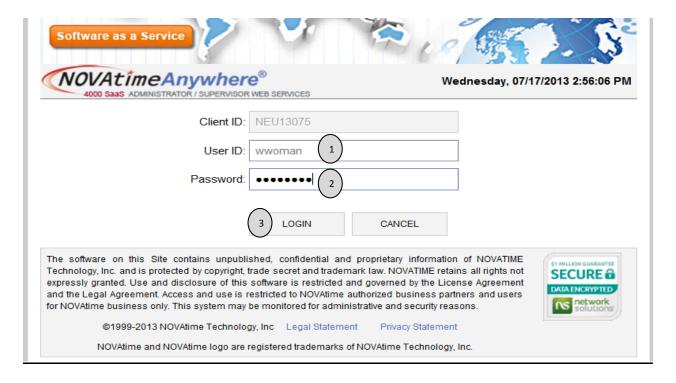
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When logging into NOVAtime as a timekeeper, navigate to http://supervisor.cpsd.us.



- 1. Enter your CPS network login in the box labeled 'User ID'
- 2. Enter your CPS network password you use when starting your computer in the morning.
- 3. Click "LOGIN".

Using NOVAtime, as a timekeeper, you can:

- A. Report employee timesheet exceptions
- B. Review employee timesheets
- C. Run reports

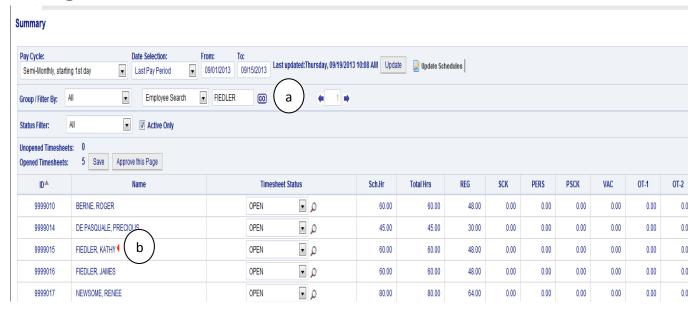
A. Reporting employee timesheet exceptions

For your school's teaching and paraprofessional staff, their timesheet is automatically populated each pay period. Regular working hours are reported on the timesheet for each required working day for these employees. As a timekeeper, you will be tasked with updating an employee's timesheet with any exceptions, or non-regular working hours like sick time, during each pay period.

Teachers and paraprofessional staff will continue your school's standard sign-in practice. Each morning, you should review the sign-in sheet and note any employees that have not signed-in for the day. You should make sure that these employees are not present at work and in the building, but have just forgotten to sign-in. Once you confirm that an employee is actually absent from work, you should log into NOVAtime to update the employee's timesheet. (Please see the log in instructions on the preceding page.)

Once logged in, you will see a list of teaching and paraprofessional staff that report directly to your school principal. Using the employee search function, you can easily search for the employee's timesheet you want to update and report the absence. (a)

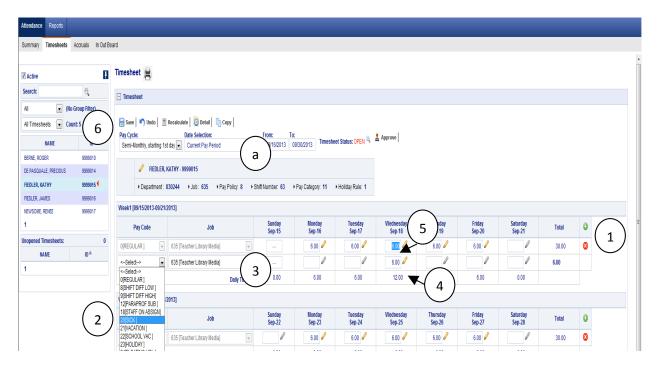
When the "Employee Search" is complete, a red arrow will appear next to the employee's name. To gain access to and view the employee's timesheet, simply click on the employee's name.



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Once you have navigated to the employee timesheet, the "Date Selection" should be set to the "Current Pay Period". $\begin{pmatrix} a \end{pmatrix}$

- ❖ To update the employee's timesheet and record a full-day absence on the timesheet:
 - 1. Using the green "+" icon, add a record or line to the timesheet.
 - 2. Next, you will need to select the Pay Code. A Pay Code is used to describe your regular time worked or your leave (or absence) time (sickness, personal day, vacation). The NOVAtime system is set-up so that you can see all of the Pay Codes that your employees are eligible to use. A sample list of Pay Codes follows this section.
 - 3. In the "Job" field, the employee's job or title should automatically default. You normally will not need to change this.
 - 4. In the blank field below the date worked, enter the total leave hours used.
 - 5. In the "Regular" Paycode field for that day, be sure to delete the regular hours that were automatically populated on the timesheet.
 - 6. After updating the timesheet, please be sure to 'SAVE'.



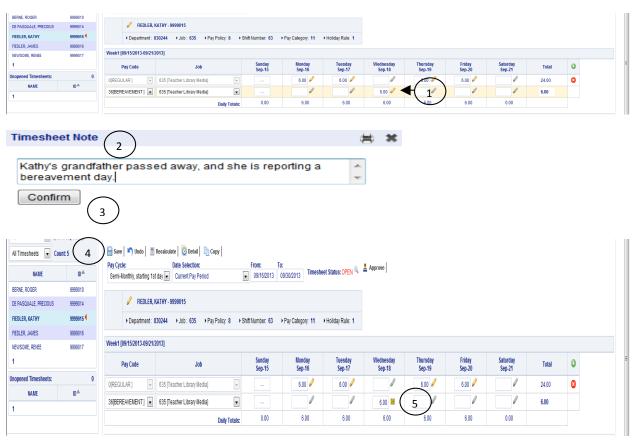
- To report, a **partial day absence** (e.g. a teacher reports a doctor's appointment in the morning and arrived to work three hours late), you will need to make two entries one the timesheet for the one work day.
 - 1. Using the green "+" icon, add a record or line to the timesheet.
 - 2. Select the "Pay Code". In this instance, choose Pay Code "20-Sick".
 - 3. In the "Job" field, the employee's job or title should automatically default.
 - 4. In the blank field below the appropriate date, enter the total hours the employee was absent from work.
 - 5. In the "Regular" Paycode field for that day, be sure to delete the regular hours that were automatically populated on the timesheet, and enter the total hours of the partial day s/he worked.
 - 6. Again, please be sure to "Save" your entry. When combining the two records, the total hours reflected should equal a complete working day.



You may elect to use the notes field, which your school principal will be able to view. This feature will be particularly helpful when explaining or providing detail about an absence from work.

❖ To add a note:

- 1. Select and click on the yellow highlighted "pencil" icon next to the hours entered.
- 2. A pop-up field will appear. Type your note in the field provided.
- 3. When complete, select "Confirm".
- 4. Be sure to "Save".
- 5. After saving your entry and note, a small envelope icon will now appear in the "Note" field at the end of your record. You can view or edit your note by clicking on the "envelope" icon.



NOVAtime will automatically deduct any exception hours reported from the employee's accrued leave balances.

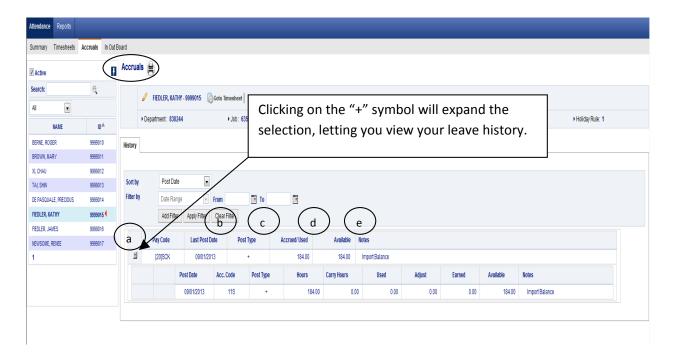
You can view an employee's accrual balances by navigating to the Accrual Section.

- a. By **Pay Code**, you will be able to view the employee's accrued leave balances.
- b. The **Post Date** signifies the date the employee took leave or when an adjustment or entry was made to his/her time.
- c. The **Post Type** reflects the type of transaction:

	Post Type								
I/+	Import	Rollover of your accrued balances to the system as of June 30 th .							
U	User Posting	The Payroll Department made an adjustment to your timesheet. After submitting your timesheet and your supervisor has approved it, you discovered that an adjustment or correction needed to be made to your timesheet. For example, you reported your absence as sick leave rather than bereavement leave. You and/or your supervisor contacted the Payroll Department, who manually adjusted your balances. Please note NOVAtime will reflect your annual accrued sick time as well as three personal days. If personal days are taken, the Payroll Department will manually adjust your sick leave balance							
S	System Posting	Upload of new annual balances to the system in July or Sept.							
Posting		Time taken as you reported on your timesheet and as approved by your supervisor.							
* KASAT		Time greater than the allowed carryover amount that is recovered by the system before a new annual balance is posted.							

d. **Accrued/Used** reflects the time the employee has used or the time s/he accrued during a particular period.

e. **Available** or **Carry Hours** is the number of hours that are available to employee or his/her leave balance.



If an employee is sick from work, but does not have any hours remaining in his/her sick leave bucket, NOVAtime will not allow you to report this time. You will need to notify the employee that s/he does not have any remaining sick time available to use. You can ask if the employee if s/he would like to use another type of leave, like personal or personal sick time. If the employee does not have any exception or leave time available, you should instruct the employee to contact the Payroll Department, and you will need to report his/her absence as unpaid leave, and select the "60-Unpaid Time" leave Pay Code.

Pay Codes

In any given week, an employee must account for his/her time each day, even those days on which s/he is not at work. Pay codes describe the type of time. For instance, "Regular" indicates that the employee was in attendance at work, while "holiday" indicates that the employee was not in attendance at work because of an official work holiday such as Thanksgiving. There are many different pay codes; however, you will see <u>only</u> those that apply to an employee's particular job category.

<u>Sample</u> List of Pay Code						
Pay Codes	Descripton					
01-Regular	Regular Work Time					
12-Paraprof Subbing	Paraprofessional Substitutes for Teacher					
18-Staff on Assign	Staff on Assignment					
Leaves						
20-Sick	Sick/Illness					
21-Vacation	Vacation					
22-School Vac	School vacation*					
23-Holiday	Legal Holidays per school calendar or contracts					
24-Floating Hol	Floating Holiday per contract					
27-Snow Day	School cancellations because of snow					
29-Personal	Personal Time					
30-Personal/Sick	Personal Time charged to Sick					
32-Prof'l Day	Professional Day					
34-Comp Time	Compensatory Time					

^{*}When to use "School Vacation" to report time: All 10 and 11 month employees who do not accrue vacation time will select "School Vac" to report days off during the December winter break, and February and April vacation weeks. Eleven month employees who are required to work a number of days after school ends, will use the "School Vac" to report days NOT at work during the summer break (and "Regular" to report days in attendance at work).

B. Reviewing an Employee Timesheet

As a timekeeper, you also will be tasked with reviewing a set of employee timesheets to ensure that they have been "submitted", are accurate and complete, and ready for the supervisor's approval.

Completing a timesheet

A school-based timekeeper is responsible for adjusting exceptions to each employee's timesheet, based on each employee's attendance. Leave pay code use for these exceptions should be in consultation with the employee, or with the Payroll department.

❖ Reviewing a timesheet

If an employee timesheet status is:

- ➤ **OPEN**, the employee's timesheet has not yet been submitted or approved, and may still be edited and reviewed.
- > **SUBMIT**, an employee who submits his/her own timesheet has completed and verified that his/her timesheet is accurate. This timesheet is ready for you to review.
- ➤ **REVIEWED**, you, as a timekeeper, have reviewed the employee's submitted timesheet, and it is now ready for the supervisor's approval.
- > APPROVED, the supervisor has reviewed and approved the timesheet.
- PAYROLL, the Payroll Department has reviewed and approved the timesheet.

Once logged-in, you can review a group of timesheets under the **Summary**, or you can review an individual timesheet under the **Timesheet**.

Summary

To review a timesheet, you will need to:

- a. Select the **Pay Cycle**. There are two Pay Cycles used:
- Weekly, starting Fri- Hourly employees who submit timesheets on a weekly basis.
- > Semi-monthly- Salaried employees who submit timesheets on a semi-monthly basis.

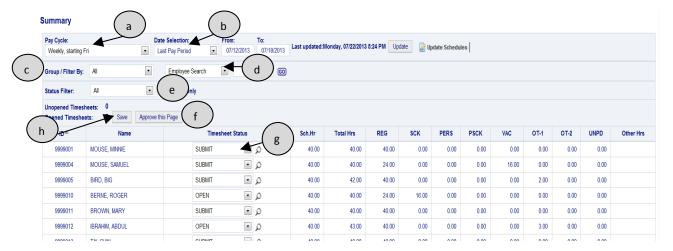
NB: All employees will fall into one of these two Pay Cycles.

- b. Choose the **Date Selection**. Typically, a timekeeper will choose to view and approve the Last Pay Period. You can also choose to view a prior or future pay period by changing the Date Selection.
- c. Select the **Group**. Typically, a timekeeper will choose to view 'ALL' groups of employees within the particular Pay Cycle. You, however, can choose to filter the list of employees by Location, Department, Job, Position, Reports To, Pay Group, or Union Code.
- d. If you would like to search for a particular employee, you can use the **Employee Search** feature.
- e. Choose the **Status Filter**. Select the '**Submitted**' Status. A list of employees who have completed and submitted their timesheets will appear.

If the Summary view of the employees' time is satisfactory, and you can elect to:

- f. **APPROVE THIS PAGE**. Please note that your list of employees may exceed the one page. If this is the case, you will have to "Approve This Page" for each individual page. Though a bit misleading, even though the function button states "Approve This Page", as a timekeeper, "Approving the Page" will only allow you to change the timesheet status to "REVIEWED".
- g. Alternatively, you can change an individual employee's time sheet status to 'REVIEWED'.
- h. Be sure to 'SAVE'.

Once you Approve, the Timesheet Status for the timesheets selected will be changed to 'REVIEWED'. The timesheets for this period are now ready for the supervisor to approve them.



i. Using the Status Filter, you should now choose to select the '**Open**' Status. This will provide you with a list of employees who have not yet submitted their timesheets. You MUST contact the employee and ask that s/he submit his/her timesheet. Once these 'OPEN' timesheets have been submitted, you will have to review them.

Please note that you can review an employee's 'OPEN' timesheet under the Timesheet.

<u>Timesheet</u>

You can review an employee's individual timesheet, and rather than using the 'Summary' option, you may elect to review the individual timesheet. To do so, navigate to **Timesheets**.

To review a timesheet:

- a. If you would like to search for a particular employee, you can use the **Search** feature.
- b. You may select a **Group** filter within the particular Pay Cycle. Typically, a timekeeper will choose to view 'ALL' groups of employees. S/he, however, can choose to filter the list of employees by Location, Department, Job, Position, Reports To, Pay Group, or Union Code.
- c. You may choose to review all timesheets, or only those that are OPEN, SUBMITTED, REVIEWED or APPROVED.
- d. You also may choose to view a set of timesheets by Pay Cycle or Date Selection.
- e. After making your selections, a list of employees who meet your criteria will appear. Select the employee whose timesheet you would like to review.



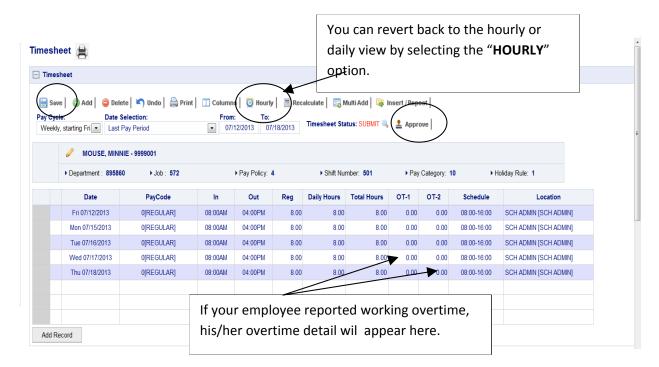
A summary view of the employee's timesheet will appear, including:

- a. The total hours reported on a particular work day.
- b. A summary of the Pay Codes used or type of hours reported (regular, vacation, sick, personal, etc.) during the particular pay period, as well as the total number of hours worked.



You can also look at a detail view of the employee's time using the "**DETAIL**" option. This will enable you to view an hourly employee's total and daily hours worked as well as the employee's 'In' and 'Out' times.





In both the "Detail" and "Hourly" views, you can approve an employee's individual timesheet. Select "Approve" and "Save".

Payroll Deadlines

	Employee Submission	Timekeeper Review	Supervisor Approval
Weekly Timesheet	Thursday of each week	Friday of each week	Friday of each week
Semi-Monthly	15 th and last day of the	1 day after the pay	2 days after the pay
Timesheet	month	period end	period end

Revising a Timesheet

An employee cannot make changes to a submitted timesheet.

If an employee needs to make a change after submitting the timesheet, s/he must contact his/her timekeeper or supervisor.

Additionally, if a timekeeper or supervisor feels that an employee's timesheet is incorrect, the employee should be asked to correct his/her timesheet.

To allow an employee access to a submitted timesheet that needs to be revised, the timekeeper or supervisor will need to log-in to NOVAtime and change the employee's timesheet status to 'OPEN'. The employee now will be able to revise that timesheet and will resubmit it to the timekeeper for review and ultimately the supervisor for approval.

Once a supervisor "APPROVES" a timesheet, any changes that need to be made, will need to be submitted to the Payroll Department in writing.

While an Employee is Out

If an employee is on vacation, sick, or personal leave, s/he can:

- Complete his/her timesheet prior to his/her leave and submit it. The timesheet will be available for the timekeeper's review (and the supervisor's approval) during the pay period.
- 2. Complete his/her timesheet upon his/her return. In this instance, the employee's timesheet may not be completed and submitted prior to the pay period end. In this case, the employee's timesheet will be "OPEN", and the timekeeper will be unable to "REVIEW' (and the supervisor will be unable to "APPROVE") it until s/he returns. The timekeeper and supervisor will be notified periodically via email that a timesheet remains "OPEN". Upon the employee's return, s/he will complete and "SUBMIT" his/her timesheet.

When reviewing timesheets for the current pay period, the timekeeper must <u>remember</u> to review this prior period timesheet and prepare it for the supervisor's approval. To do so, the timekeeper will need to define the "Date Selection". Once the "OPEN" timesheet appears, the timekeeper will then need to follow the appropriate steps to review the timesheet.



D. Running reports

We are currently working on developing some employee time reports that we think timekeepers and supervisors will find useful. During this pilot, we would encourage you to provide feedback and make suggestions/recommendations for reports that you may find

helpful. Once these reports are developed, they will be saved and made available to timekeepers and supervisors in the **Reports** section of NOVAtime.

