Attendance

General Attendance Reminders

- Teachers should take attendance in PowerGrade or in PowerSchool Teacher within the first 15 minutes of the day. Teachers must have attendance submitted by the school established deadline.
- Teachers should use the **AT** (Absent by teacher) code when marking students absent.
- Teachers should submit attendance in the **first instructional time period of the day** (period 1 or Homeroom, whichever is appropriate for your school).
- Attendance operators should <u>NOT</u> make <u>ANY</u> changes in attendance until <u>ALL</u> teachers have submitted first attendance for the day. See *Step 1: How To Determine If Teachers Have Taken Attendance* later in this document.
- Attendance operators will need to **search each day for the AT code** (Absent by teacher) and **change those codes** to an official absence code.
- NOTE: <u>Meeting attendance is the official attendance for funding purposes and</u> is the only attendance taken in PowerSchool.
- Students in grades 1-12 must be present <u>195 minutes or greater</u> to be counted <u>present</u> for the day. Kindergarten students must be present <u>120</u> <u>minutes or greater</u> to be counted <u>present</u> for the day.
- Students in grades 1-12 present less than 195 minutes and Kindergarten students present less than 120 minutes should be marked with an appropriate <u>absence</u> code.
- Attendance changes for a **group of students** (like a sports team, club, etc.) can be made to the entire group by finding that group **before making the change**.
- Always click **Submit** to make sure the changes are saved.

Steps for Processing Attendance

In PowerSchool, there is one type of attendance to process: **Meeting attendance. Meeting** attendance is period by period attendance and is the basis for Tennessee state attendance reporting in PowerSchool. **Absent** and **Present** Codes are used to mark Meeting attendance for each period (see Appendix A for a complete listing of Present and Absent codes). *If a student's period attendance contains* **Absent** *codes for the majority of the periods on that student's schedule then the student is counted absent for the day.*

Below are the steps to process Meeting attendance. The pages that follow detail each step.

1. After teachers submit first attendance of the day in PowerGrade or PowerSchool Teacher, run the <u>PowerGrade Attendance report</u> to verify that all teachers have submitted attendance for the first period of the day.

Please confirm with your administrator as to which period is first period of the day for attendance marking (homeroom, 1st period, etc.). Teachers should submit first attendance of the day by the school established deadline.

2. Run the <u>Absentee Report</u> to find all students marked AT (Absent by Teacher) for first attendance of the day. This report should be run after all teachers have submitted first attendance for the day.

Note: The only Attendance code available to teachers is **AT**. Only search for **AT** codes.

- 3. Assign all AT coded students an official attendance code either as a group or individually. To assign by group, run the Attendance Change group function. To assign individually, do so on each student's Meeting Attendance screen.
- 4. Enter any individual absences that were not marked by teachers originally in first attendance of the day.
- 5. Adjust Meeting attendance for that day based on the check-in and check-out events for your students. Additionally, you may record Attendance logs for check-ins and check-outs in addition to modifying Meeting attendance (this *optional* see pp. 25-28).
- 6. Run at least one additional Absentee Report for the code AT (Absent by Teacher) and additional Absentee reports as needed for verification and reference of recorded absences.

Step 1: How To Determine If Teachers Have Taken Attendance

1. From the **Start** screen, click **Reports**. Click **Run Reports** from the **Reports** screen. Then click on **PowerGrade Attendance** from the **Run Reports** screen.

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Absentee Report		Function	Description	
Daily Bulletin		Run Reports	Run built in rep	orts for attendanda, membership, grades, students, and statistics.
Enrolment Summary		Report Setup	Setup form let	ters, mailing labels, object reports, report cards, pictures, and styles
PowerLunch		State Reports	Run reporting	engine reports for TN.
Reports		Reporting Engine	Setup, load, ar	nd run reporting engine reports.
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School	A	tendance		Description
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	At	tendence Count		Multi-day period by period attendance code report.
	Ch	ass Attendance Audit	1	Section specific attendance roster.
	Co	insecutiv <mark>e Absences</mark>		Report detailing consecutive student absences by absence code.
	St	udent Atlendance Au	dit	Roster report detailing attendance codes by day.
	M	onthly Student Atten	dance Report	Twenty-day student attendance report by grade.
	At	tendant Summary I	by Grade	An aggregated attendance report for a date range and grade(s).
	Ye	ar-to-Date Attendae	to Summery	A year to date aggregated attendance report by grade.
	Po	werGrade Attendance	20	Report showing which teachers have not taken attendance.

2. Set the information necessary in the next screen and click **Submit**. It is important to pay attention to the **Date to Scan**. The default is the current date. Also, make sure you set the appropriate **Processing Options**. **In Background Now** will run the report immediately. Click **Submit**.

3. Go to the **Report Queue** to see the completed Report. Remember, you must use the **Refresh** link next to **My Jobs** at the top of the page to obtain a **Completed** Report.

4. **Inform the appropriate administrator** which teachers have not taken attendance.

5. **<u>REMEMBER</u>**, <u>NO</u> attendance changes should be made until <u>ALL</u> teachers have taken first of the day attendance.

PowerGrade Attendance Report

Report Name	PowerGrade Attendance
Version	3.7
Description *	Report showing which teachers have not taken attendance.
Comments	
Date to Scan	9/11/06 Defaults to current day - Must change if another day
Period(s) (leave blank for all)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
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Step 2: Run Absentee Report For AT (Absent by Teacher) Codes

After determining that all teachers have entered first attendance of the day, from the **Start** screen, select **Absentee Report**.



Set the **Absentee Report** parameters as shown in the picture below. **Meeting** is the **Attendance Mode**. You always want to search for **All students**. From the **Attendance Codes** section, only choose **AT** (Absent by teacher). Adjust the **Date to Scan** if that is not the date for which you are searching. **Processing Options** will allow you to choose when you want the **Report** processed. In most cases, you will want it immediately so you can complete your work (choose **In Background Now**). Select **Include Student Number** and **Include Verification Line** if an Attendance Operator or Administrator needs to make calls to the student's home to verify the absence. **Number of Blank Lines Below Student Names** can be adjusted as you need. Click **Submit**.

The **Report** will be sent to the **Report Queue** for processing. Go to the **Report Queue** (piece of tablet paper in the top right of the screen near **Logout**) to see the completed **Report**. Remember, you must use the **Refresh** link next to **My Jobs** at the top of the page to obtain a **Completed** Report.

Absentee Report

Report Name	Absentee
Version	2.7
Description	Single day period by period attendance code report. Note: Period(s) does not apply to daily mode.
Comments	
Attendance Mode	Meeting 🔃
Students to Include	The selected 174 students only All students Look for All students.
Grades (leave blank for all)	9 0 10 0 11 0 12
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Date to Scan	8/7/06 Adjust if necessary.
Period(s) (leave blank for all)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Processing Options	ASAP
Specific Date/Time	* · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Data to be filled	(Check checkbox on the right to save as default value) Reset All
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Completed Absentee Report

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After your **Absentee Report** is complete, choose the **Functions** link at the bottom of the **Report** to make the students on the report the current selection. This allows you to change the attendance for these students as a group or individually. You can also print out the report for your reference.

Selecting students **Individually** or as a group: (Selecting Students by Hand)

If you need to change individual students one at a time or in different sets other than the selected group, you will need to select them in other ways. From the **Start Screen**, find the student or students that you need to change their **AT** code to an official absence code.

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If you choose just one student, click **Attendance** from the left menu area. If you select multiple students from the **Select Students By Hand** screen, choose the **Functions** button.



Step 3: Finding and Converting AT (Absent by teacher) Codes

Converting AT codes as a Group

1. If you selected all students marked **AT** that you want to change as a group, choose **Attendance Change** from the **Group Functions** screen. Also use this same method if you select a group of students by hand.

Group Functions

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Function	Description
Attendance Unange	Changes attendance records for one or many days for currently selected students
Louriseions Screen	brows student pages for currently selected students.
Enrolment Summary	Reports grade and ethnicity breakdown for currently selected students.
Export Using Templete	Uses a template to exports data on currently selected students.
Fee Functions	Performs fee functions.
D/Pasaword Assignment	Assigns logon, lunch IDs and passwords for currently selected students.
LBAP Directory Synchronization	Synchronize PowerSchool Login IDs with an LDAP directory server.
List Students	Prints a quick list of currently selected students.
Masa Enrol	Enrols currently selected students in a section.
Masa Enrol Special Program	Enrolls currently selected students in a special program.
Next School Indicator	Sets the next school indicator for currently selected students.
Print Reports	Prints reports for currently selected students.
Print Mailing Labels	Prints mailing labels for currently selected students.
Quick Export	Exports data on currently selected students.
Reports Nenu	Goes to the Reports menu.
Save Stored Selection	Saves the current selection.
Search By GPA	Searches currently selected students by GPA, enrollment, etc.
Search By Grades/Attendance	Searches currently selected students by grades, citizenship, attendance, etc.
Search For Perfect Attendance	Searches currently selected students for perfect attendance.
Select Students By Hand	Allows for manual selection of a subset of students from currently selected students
Student Field Value	Sets the value of a student field value for currently selected students.
Student Schedule Report	Creates a printable student matrix report for the selected students.
Transfer Out Of School	Transfers currently selected students out of school.

2. Enter the **Date From** and **To** that you need to change the **AT** code. **Meetings to Scan** should be selected down just <u>one</u> column to select a particular day. **Code(s) to scan for** should be set to **AT - Absent by teacher** and **Present** (you must choose the **Present** code also because you are marking each period with an **Absence** code to count the student absent for the day. You must change the **AT** period *and* all **Present** periods). Hold down the **É** key to select multiple codes.

From the **Attendance Code to Set**, choose an official absence code. Select **Overwrite** to change the **AT** code (the first period) and **Present** codes (all other periods) to the code you selected. Click **Submit**.

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Change Meeting Attendance



Converting AT codes individually

From the **Start** page, perform a search for your student. Then select **Attendance** to go to the **Attendance** screen that contains the **Meeting** attendance grid (see pages 8-9). At the top of the column click on the **date** for the week that contains the day's code you need to adjust.

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Meeting

Change Meeting Attendance

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7th Lang Arts (E: 8/1/06 L: 6/2/07	1(M-F)	-	-	-	-	-													
7th PF																			

You will then be taken to a student's **Edit Meeting Attendance** screen.

Edit Meeting Attendance



Homeroom, whichever is appropriate for your school).

Choose the **Current attendance code** you need to set from the top pop-up menu. *Check to make sure there are no entries already entered (such as a suspension code or remand to alternative setting code).* Either click **Set All** at the top of the appropriate day's column to change all of the **Meetings** to that code or click on the **individual period** boxes. Click **Submit**.

Edit Meeting Attendance

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This student has now been marked absent for all periods.



If the student remains absent for the day and is coded with the proper absence code in **Meeting** attendance, then that student's attendance record is complete for that day. If the student has a check-in or check-out, you must modify **Meeting** attendance to reflect the check-in or check-out (see Step 5).

Step 4: Entering New Attendance Items (Not Entered By Teacher)

From the **Start Screen**, find the student or students that you need to mark absent (**ATTENDANCE NOT ENTERED BY TEACHER**).



If you chose just one student, click **Attendance** from the left menu area. If you selected multiple students from the **Select Students By Hand** screen, choose the **Functions** button.



If you selected more than one student from the **Select Students By Hand** screen, you will need to choose **Attendance Change** from the **Group Functions** screen (*See Step 3 above to review how to run the Group Attendance Change function*).

Choose the **Current attendance code** you need to set from the top pop-up menu. *Check to make sure there are no entries already entered (such as a suspension code or remand to alternative setting code).* Either click **Set All** at the top of the appropriate day's column to change all of the **Meetings** to that code or click on the **individual period** boxes. Click **Submit**.

Edit Meeting Attendance

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This student has now been marked absent for all periods.



Step 5: Entering Check-In and Check-Out Events in Meeting Attendance

When a student checks in or out during the day, the Meeting attendance for that day should reflect this as accurately as possible. Please use the following guidelines when recording Meeting attendance events for check-ins and check-outs.

1. If a student is absent for enough time in the period to be considered absent for the period, then you should use an **Absence** code to record the event.

1st Reading
9:05 AM - 10:05 AM

2. If a student checks in or out during a period, but is not absent enough minutes to be considered absent for the period, then use a **Present** check-in or check-out code to record the student's attendance event. The student will still be considered present for that period.



If the student is marked with an Absence code for the majority of the periods in the day, the student will be considered absent for that day. If the number of minutes present for the day is less than 195 (or 120 for Kindergarten), then the student is absent for the day. The example on the following page describes a student who is counted absent for the day due to the majority of the periods in that day being marked absent. This school has six periods. The student checked out at 9:15 a.m. giving him a total of 135 minutes in school. The student should be counted as absent for the day so he must be marked with the appropriate absent codes in Meeting attendance. One more than half of the periods must be marked in order for him to be counted absent. Four were marked in this case reflecting as close as possible to his check out time of 9:15 a.m.

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Students with Multiple Absence Codes on the Same Day

If a student incurs excused and unexcused absence events on the same day, complete **Meeting** attendance first marking the proper codes for the corresponding periods absent. For example, if a student has an excused event in the morning and an unexcused event in the afternoon, record the appropriate **E** code for the morning period(s) and **U** code(s) for the afternoon periods in **Meeting** attendance.

Step 6: Running Additional Absentee Reports

If you want to print out a verification sheet showing you a list of students you marked absent, from the **Start** screen, click **Absentee Report**. Set the parameters as shown. Always choose **Meeting** from the **Attendance Mode** pop-up. You will want to search for **All students**. Select the code for which you are looking (or hold down the **k** key to select multiple codes). *NOTE:* **ALL CODES** does not work at this time. Adjust the **Date to scan** if that is not the date for which you are searching. **Processing Options** will allow you to choose when you want the **Report** processed. In most cases you will want it immediately so you can complete your work (choose **ASAP**). Adjust the other options at the bottom as needed. Click **Submit**.

Note: Run at least one additional **Absentee Report** for code **AT** per day to ensure that all of these codes have been identified and converted to official absence codes.

Absentee Report

Report Name	Absentee
Version	2.7
Description	Single day period by period attendance code report. Note: Period(s) does not apply to daily mode.
Comments	
Attendance Mode	Meeting :
Students to Include	The selected 84 students only All students Look for All students.
Grades (leave blank for all)	9 0 11 12
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Date to Scan	8/7/06 Adjust if necessary.
Period(s) (leave blank for all)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Processing Options	ASAP
Specific Date/Time	e : :
Data to be filled	(Check checkbox on the right to save as default value) Reset All
Include Student Number	
Number of Blank Lines Below Student Name	📊 Adjust as needed. 🛛 📄
Include Verification Line	
	Submit

The **Report** will be sent to the **Report Queue** for processing. Go to the **Report Queue** (piece of tablet paper in the top right of the screen near **Logout**) to see the completed **Report**. Remember, you must use the **Refresh** link next to **My Jobs** at the top of the page to obtain a **Completed** Report.

Attendance Logs

Check-in and check-out times and comments in PowerSchool can be entered by creating **Attendance Logs**. These logs can be created and viewed from a student's **Edit Meeting Attendance** screen.

This is not a substitute for entering Meeting attendance. You must always enter Meeting attendance for your students. The attendance log is an additional feature for schools that wish to record additional information for check-ins and checkouts such as times and comments.

Creating a New Attendance Log

From the Edit Meeting Attendance screen, click the link New Attendance Log.



You will then be taken to a separate **New Log Entry** browser window where you enter the new attendance log.

New Log Entry

		6	Submit
Α.	Date & Time	10/24/2006 11:45 AM	
в.	Author Reporter	Respess, Guy Sanfor	Click Submit after completing the log entry.
С.	Log Type	Attendance 💌	
D.	Subtype (optional for discipline)	CI Check In	
Е.	Title	Drs Appt	
F.	Lag Entry Text	Place additional comments here	

The following information should be entered:

- A. Date & Time The date and time of the check-in or check-out.
- B. Author This should automatically default to your name.
- C. Log Type Attendance
- D. Subtype Check-In or Check-Out
- E. Title Short description of event (ex. Dr. Appt.)
- F. Log Entry Text Any additional comments for the log event if required.

Do not complete any other field on the log entry screen.

Once complete, click **Submit** to create the new attendance log. When you receive confirmation that the changes have been recorded, you may close the **New Attendance Log** browser window.

Viewing Previously Recorded Attendance Logs

To view previously recorded attendance logs from the **Edit Meeting Attendance** screen, click the **Attendance Logs** link.



You will then be taken to a separate Attendance Log Entries browser window where you can access previously recorded attendance logs for that student.

Attendance Log Entries



Click on the log **Date** link to access a specific attendance log.

This feature allows you to view or modify check-in and check-out history for individual students as needed. Once you are finished viewing the attendance log history for the student, close the browser window and return to the **Edit Meeting Attendance** screen.

Appendix A

Meeting Attendance Codes

Teacher absent code

AT - Absent by Teacher

Present Codes

<blank> - Present

- CIE Check-in excused
- CIU Check-in unexcused
- **COE** Check-out excused
- **COU** Check-out unexcused
- CT Contract student
- FT Field trip
- HB Homebound
- **ISS** In school suspension
- **REM** Remanded to alt. setting

Absence Codes

- EO Excused Absence
- E1 Illness
- E2 Death/Illness family
- E3 Representing school
- E4 Religious holiday
- **E5** Legal court summons
- E6 Circumstance approved by Principal
- **UO** Unexcused Absence
- U1 Overslept/alarm problem/elec. off
- **U2** Transportation related
- U3 Personal/family related
- **U5** Out of town/vacation
- **U99** Other
- **EXP** Expulsion
- **OSS** Out of school suspension