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What's New

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What's New: Work Year Restoration

- The work year reduction that began on July 1, 2017 has ended and affected employee groups have had their work years restored for 2019-20.
 - 10- and 11- month employees may be required to take "forced vacation" during winter and spring breaks.
 - Timekeepers are responsible for reporting "forced vacation" in Time & Labor. Absence request forms are not necessary for those days, with some exceptions concerning sick leave or industrial accident.
 - You will find information on forced vacation dates in your monthly
 Timekeeping Tips as well as on Employee Calendars, which are located on the Human Resources webpage.
 - If an employee works on a date where forced vacation is designated, then only report the amount of vacation required to fulfil their assigned daily work schedule. Examples:



Scheduled	Works	What to Report
8 hours/day	0 hours	8 hours VAC
8 hours/day	4 hours	4 hours VAC
8 hours/day	8 hours	Nothing
6 hours/day	3 hours	3 hours VAC

What's New: CalPERS& CalSTRS Rates

Contribution rates have changed effective July 1, 2019 as follows:

CalPERS

- Employer rate increased from 18.062% to 19.721%.
- Classic PERS members remain at 7% creditable compensation. Reform PERS members changed from 6.50% to 7.00% of creditable compensation.
- Employees in the CalPERS
 Post-PEPRA (Reform)
 retirement system will see an
 increase to the retirement
 contribution on their paychecks

CalSTRS

- Employer rate increased from 16.28% to 17.10%
- Classic STRS members remain at 10.25% of creditable compensation.
- Reform STRS members increased from 9.205% to 10.205% of creditable compensation.



What's New: Changes to the District's Administrative Regulations Format

- A new system of Administrative Regulations is being implemented by the district that align to California School Boards Association (CSBA).
 - As Policies and Procedures are updated the old version will be deleted with a link to the new version in it's place on the website.
 - These documents are found on the District's Policies and Procedures webpage at:

https://www.sandiegounified.org/policies-procedures.

 The new Payroll & Time Reporting Administrative Regulation AR4151.1(replaces Administrative Procedure 2600) is located on the Payroll Department's webpage: Timekeepers: Payroll Resources at:

https://www.sandi.net/staff/payroll/timekeepers-payroll-resources.

The Payroll Department's web page, Timekeepers: Payroll Resources is the home to all of the most pertinent information that you will require as an skilled and accurate timekeeper.

Reminders for the New School Year

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- Child Bonding Leave
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Reminders: Maternity Leave

- 3 consecutive work weeks of paid maternity leave are available for the birth mother immediately following the birth of her child.
- Paid maternity leave is available for birth mothers who have been employed by SDUSD for at least 12 months.
- A Maternity Leave Form is available on the <u>Payroll/Forms</u> web-page.
- Retro-active Maternity Leave requests use the same form but are submitted directly to the Payroll Department for special processing.
- Additional leave can be taken on an unpaid basis through FMLA or a Leave of Absence.
- Additional information is available through the Human Resources
 Department document <u>Maternity Leave Implementation Communication</u>
 found on the HR Forms page under Leaves of Absence.
- Paternity leave is defined in individual collective bargaining agreements. Please review collective bargaining language for those entitlements.

The maternity leave timekeeping code is **MAT**

Reminders: Child Bonding Leave

- Through assembly bill (AB) 2393, extended AB 375 bonding leave provides mothers and fathers of newly born, adopted or fostered children with an additional paid leave opportunity.
- Employee must have been employed for the district for at least
 12 months prior to the start of leave in order to qualify.
- Child bonding leave can be taken for up to 12 work weeks and must be taken within one (1) year from the birth, adoption, or placement of a child in home.
- Employee must exhaust all full sick leave, including projected accruals prior to using half pay bonding leave, which is separate from half-pay sick leave.
- Employee applies for leave by submitting a Child Bonding Application to the Human Resources Department, who provides notifications and updates the system to reflect paid leave (Action: Paid Leave of Absence", Reason: Child Bonding Leave) for each increment of time that the employee will be out.
- This is a paid leave of absence that requires approval by HR, at which time the Payroll Specialist assumes the responsibility of reporting the time.

To avoid payment errors, NEVER remove the time reporting codes that are entered by the payroll specialist.



Reminders: Personal Necessity

- Personal Business Days are no longer included in the SDEA or AASD collective bargaining agreements. Instead, members can use their accumulated full salary sick leave to take Personal Necessity.
- SDEA members may use 11 days of Personal Necessity within one work year.
- AASD members may use 10 days of Personal Necessity within one work year.
- The Sick/Personal Business/Personal Necessity Leave form includes a check box to denote Personal/Family Responsibility.
- This form is available on the District's <u>Payroll/Forms</u> webpage.



Reminders: Training & Tools

 There are a number of tools available to help you increase your skill and efficiency as a Timekeeper. They are found on the District website on the <u>Payroll's Timekeeper Resources</u> page. Included are:



- Instructional Job Aids: These are invaluable printable manuals that give stepby-step instructions for using PeopleSoft to perform your timekeeping functions and can be found on the same resource page by clicking on <u>Employee Self-Service Job Aids and More.</u>
- Time & Labor training: These classes are one of the most useful and underused tools we have to help timekeepers understand their role and improve their skill in the payroll process. Class calendars and registration information can be found by clicking on the link entitled <u>PeopleSoft Training</u> <u>Opportunities</u>. Check the ERO website for a list of training classes and <u>get</u> <u>signed up!</u>
- The Time and Labor WorkCenter Job Aid is available to familiarize you with this essential tool that centralizes your Timekeeper resources and helps you navigate PeopleSoft with ease.

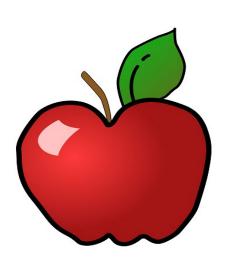
Awareness of available training tools along with participation in regular training events are essential elements of being able to perform the tasks of a Timekeeper with promptness and accuracy.

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June 2019 Timekeeping Tips
May 2019 Timekeeping Tips

Reminders: Visiting Teachers

- Visiting Teachers (VT's) are credentialed unit members employed to work in the absence of a regular contract unit member.
- VT's are paid a daily rate: A VT assigned to replace a part-time teacher or a full-time teacher who is absent for only part of the day may be required to render and shall be compensated for a full day's service.
- A VT is paid the long term rate beginning with the 6th day of a teaching assignment. Change the reason code to the long term reason in SAMS/Smartfind Express. If you do not change it on the 6th day, you will need to go into time and labor to update the time reporting code



and you will need to contact the substitute help desk and have them change the reason to "Long Term".

 Refer to the "What's New" section on Retired Visiting Teachers for additional information.

Reminders: Established Visiting Teachers

- An Established Visiting Teacher is one who works more than 50% of the school year. Any Day-to-Day Visiting Teacher who works 91 days or more between the first day of school in August and the last day of school on the year-round calendar will see an increase in their daily rate of pay for day-to-day assignments worked after the 91st day.
- Established Visiting Teacher rates are adjusted in Time and Labor during Time Administration processing. Sites will not report anything separately for these employees.
- Time Administration calculates the number of days worked and changes the rate for hours reported in Time and Labor for those employees who have worked enough to be eligible.



Reminder: SDEA Retired Visiting Teachers

- When an SDEA retired unit member returns to perform visiting teacher services, they are typically paid according to visiting teacher rates.
- According to SDEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, Appendix D, Section 7.01, retirees returning to perform the full scope of duties previously assigned to them as regular unit members are to be paid at the current pro-rata hourly rate. Be aware that they must have the credential associated with the position.
- A separate job record is established for these types of employees and it is used to report PRO (pro-rata contract rate) in these cases.
- Hours from SAMS will populate to the timesheet for the visiting teacher. These rows should be deleted from the visiting teacher record and PRO reported on the record associated with pro-rata.

If you require approval or have questions about full range of duties, please consult with your principal or contact your Human Resources Officer.

Reminders: ELPAC Testing

- State and federal law require that districts administer a state test of English language proficiency to eligible students in kindergarten through grade twelve.
 ELPAC (English Language Proficiency Assessments for California) is designated as the state's language proficiency assessment.
- Refer to the 2018-19 Administrative Circular No. 34 for instructions on timekeeping and payment for employees who perform ELPAC testing.
- The CDE recommends that certificated teachers administer the ELPAC, whenever possible.
- Retired teachers who are conducting ELPAC training will be paid at the Non-Classroom Teacher (NCT) rate.
- Visiting Teachers (VT) may administer ELPAC if retired teachers are not available and will be paid at the short-term Visiting Teacher rate.
- Trained Classified staff may administer ELPAC and will be paid at their appropriate Regular Time (REG) hourly pay rate.

Always refer to the document linked on the Payroll webpage: "Time Reporting Earnings Codes" for current pay rates.

Reminders: Time Reporting Codes

TIME REPORTING CODES/EARNING CODES

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Sick Leave-Half Pay

Paid Administrative Leave

Maternity Leave

Military Duty

CLASSIFIED POSITIVE PAY REPORTING CODES

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Reminders: Payroll Deadlines

- Make sure you stay on top of payroll/timekeeper deadlines.
- Payroll processing is accomplished using very strict processing deadlines in order to assure the district meets its legally obligated pay dates.
- All timekeepers should belong to the timekeeper listserv and carefully review the Timekeeping Tips sent each month. These tips include reporting deadlines and important information related to payroll.

If you have not already done so, please join the **timekeeper listserv** by sending a request via email addressed to both of our payroll supervisors:

- Anna Marie Villegas <u>avillegas1@sandi.net</u> and
- Judy Wind-Walker jwindwalker@sandi.net.

Reminders: Salaried vs. Substitute Pay

Salaried Employee Pay

 Pay is automatically generated according to the employee's calendar, job position, and salary placement.



- A monthly salary pays on the last working day of the month
- Additional time (extra time, overtime, etc.) is recorded hourly and pays based on when it is reported:
 - ✓ Time worked from the 1st -15th (or up to timekeeper deadline) pays on the last working day of the month.
 - ✓ Remaining time worked following the timekeeper deadline in that month (typically 16th 31st) pays on or about the 10th of the following month.

Substitute Pay

Pay is based on positive time reported by the site timekeeper.



- Checks are generated only when time is reported into time and labor for the respective pay period.
 - ✓ Time worked from the 1st -15th (or up to timekeeper deadline) pays on the last working day of the month.
 - ✓ Remaining time worked following the timekeeper deadline in that month (typically 16th 31st) pays on or about the 10th of the following month.

Read the monthly Timekeeping Tips to be aware of fluctuations in the timekeeper deadline, such as at the end of the school year and Winter Break.

Reminders: Timekeeping for Salaried Employees

- Timely entry of absences is critical in order for the payroll department to pay monthly employees on time and accurately.
- If you know of an employee who is going to be on a long term illness, you can enter time through the end of the month. Especially if the employee is in half pay sick leave!
- Absences not reported for an employee can cause overpayments.
- Overpayments are complicated and no employee wants to be contacted and told they are overpaid.
 Overpayments result in a skewed view of actual district expenses and require collecting after the fact.



Please call us if you are ever unsure of how to report time for an employee!

Reminders: Timekeeping for Substitutes

- Hourly employees are only paid if time is reported in time and labor.
 Please report hours for time worked by the timekeeping deadline.
- Positive hours are reported for time worked please do not report hours that an employee will work at a future date. Only report hours that have been worked and completed.
- Time not reported by the deadline results in frustrated employees who don't get paid on time.
- Many of these late transactions result in special checks that employees must pick up at the Education Center.
- Special checks are frequently an avoidable cost to the district budget.

Please call us if you are ever unsure of how to report time for an employee!



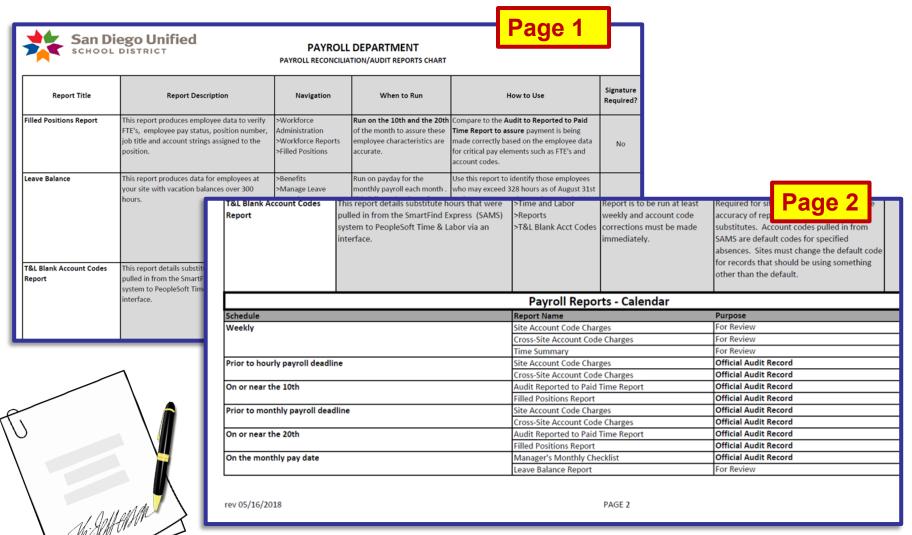
Site Reporting and Auditing of Payroll Transactions

- Payroll Reconciliation/Audit Reports Chart
- Accuracy & Timeliness
- Filled Position Report
- Audit Paid to Reported Time Report
- Account Code & Time Summary Reports
- Leave Balance Reports
- Prior Period Adjustments

Site Reporting and Auditing: Payroll Reconciliation/Audit Reports Chart

- The Payroll Reconciliation/Audit Reports Chart is available to help Timekeepers navigate and track the various payroll reports that are required to be run and audited regularly throughout the month.
- A link to the chart is provided on the Timekeepers: Payroll Resources page.
- This chart provides a quick reference to determine:
 - ✓ When each report is to be run
 - ✓ The navigation to each report
 - ✓ How to use each report to reconcile your payroll
 - ✓ Which reports must be signed by the Principal or Department head & which must be retained in binders as official payroll records

Site Reporting and Auditing: Payroll Reconciliation/Audit Reports Chart



Site Reporting and Auditing: Accuracy & Timeliness

- Payroll & Benefits account for more than 90% of the district budget and this is why accurate reporting and timely processing of payroll is so critically important.
- Late reporting results in
 - skewed financial reports
 - inaccurate actual expenses
 - overpayments/underpayments
- We must be diligent in reporting earnings and absences within the pay periods in which they occur. Do not delay reporting positive time and/or absences.
- Back-up documentation is required and necessary in accounting for payroll transactions at your local sites.
- Auditing your payroll is essential in assuring you and your administrators understand what your payroll transactions look like and where there are anomalies that warrant review.

Site Reporting and Auditing: Filled Position Report

• Review Filled Position Report: This is a PeopleSoft report that provides employment data by position. This is a good tool to use to assure employee FTEs, status and account strings are what they should be. Far too often employee FTEs are reported inaccurately resulting in overpayment. Be sure that FTEs accurately reflect what employee work schedules reflect.

This review often gets missed by many sites particularly as the new school year opens and employees transition between locations.

Timely Notification of Employee Status: Identify employees who are
no longer at your site or who should be at your site but do not appear on
your timesheet. Keeping track of employees and reporting changes via
Personnel Action Requests (PAR) are critical elements of paying
employees accurately and avoiding overpayments. This review is
essential in accounting for who should or should not be assigned to your
site and/or no longer working.

Contact your Payroll Specialist if you find any **DISCREPANCIES!**

Site Reporting and Auditing: Audit Paid to Reported Time Report

Each site is required to reconcile a specific set of reports in order to accurately audit their payroll transactions. These reports include the following:

• The Audit Paid to Reported Time Report is an official audit record that must be reviewed and signed by an administrator and must be reconciled twice monthly. Run this report on the 10th of the month for previous monthly/on-cycle payroll and the 20th of the month for previous hourly/off-cycle payroll. This report provides information on what has been reported and paid on each payroll. Watch for the monthly listserv reminders to run these reports.

> Stay on top of regular audit reporting by using the Timekeeper's tool: Payroll Reconciliation/Audit Reports Chart

Site Reporting and Auditing: Account Code & Time Summary Reports

- Site/Cross Site Account Code Charges Reports These reports show account code charges being charged to a site other than yours that originated with your site or charges hitting your site that did not originate with you. These should be run weekly as a mechanism for evaluating errors and making corrections prior to payroll deadlines. These are also official reports that need review, corrections made if necessary and signoff by the administrator.
- Time Summary Report This report should be used to evaluate hours being reported for employees at your site such as overtime, extra time, leave reported vs. absences, etc. You can run this report for an entire department or for an individual employee and for a particular date range. This can also be run to an Excel format in order to sort in any way desired. Timekeepers should use this report to check the accuracy of what has been reported in Time and Labor. This is not an official audit record.

Site Reporting and Auditing: Leave Balance Reports

• Vacation Balance of 300 or >: Regularly review employee vacation balances using this report. The district's vacation accrual policy allows a maximum accrual of 328 hours. Employees may carry more than the maximum accrual up to August 31 each year. If at that time a balance of more than 328 hours exists, those excess hours will be paid to the employee on the September monthly payroll. The charges associated with these payments are charged against the site discretionary account. The vacation policy can be reviewed on the Payroll web site at www.sandi.net/Payroll.

Cabinet members are provided with a vacation balance report each month, which specifies the employees in each area that have exceeded the maximum accrual.

Site Reporting and Auditing: Prior Period Adjustments

- A prior period adjustment is a change on the timesheet in Time & Labor for a pay period that has already been processed through Payroll and has been reflected on paychecks.
- These prior period adjustments should be made for reported time only (examples: change of TRC or leave type or additional hours worked) not to modify incorrect account codes that were used.
- In the event an employee has had time reported, paid and subsequently charged to the wrong Account Code, you must contact your Financial Planning and Development Analyst in the Financial Planning Department. Once payroll has been processed & paid, the funds have been distributed to the general ledger and your analyst must then intervene to adjust account codes and expenses.

NEVER change account codes in Time & Labor after the timekeeper deadline. This can cause overpayments. The Budget Department must process any late account code adjustments.

Absence Reporting

- Sick Leave
- Employee Separations & Leaves of Absence
- Leave Balances on the Timesheet
- Comments Field
- Vacation
- Online Roster/Time Reporter Error Notice
- Physicians Release
- SmartFindExpress (SAMS)
- Industrial Accident Reporting

Absence Reporting: Sick Leave

- When reporting absences for an employee who is sick or injured, full pay sick leave is reported first then half pay sick leave. If applicable, vacation can be used instead of sick leave upon administrator approval.
- Absences can be reported based upon a phone call, an email or the SAMS report in order for the absence to be reported right away and reflect on the correct payroll. However, the absence form must still be obtained as it includes both the administrator and employee's signatures authorizing the leave.



Employees reporting absences to SAMS must have those absences reported in Time & Labor by their Timekeeper.

Absence Reporting: Employee Separations & Leaves of Absence

- Contact your payroll specialist if you know of an intent from an employee to resign or take any type of long term leave due to child birth, illness, etc.
- Notify payroll immediately if you have a "no show" or unpaid absences in August or September so that we can stop payment to the employee and avoid overpayment.
- Do not mail a check to an employee if they are not at the site call payroll for instructions on how to handle the check.



Absence Reporting: Leave Balances on the Timesheet

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Leave	Floating Holiday	0.00
Leave	Half Pay Sick Leave	544.61
Leave	Catastrophic Leave	0.00
Leave	Sick Leave – Available	SICK AVAILABLE → 75.04
Leave	Sick Leave – Accrued	SICK ACCRUED → 14.540
Leave	Vacation – Accrued VAC	ATION ACCRUED > 281.621

Balances shown on the timesheet are for sick leave/vacation accrued and sick leave/vacation available.

- Employees can borrow projected sick leave accrual through the end of the year (June).
- Some employees are eligible to borrow up to 5 months of projected vacation accrual (2nd through 6th year).

Absence Reporting: Comments Field

The timesheet comments field is one of the most useful, yet underused tools in Time and Labor.

- The comments character field is extremely large and allows for detailed messages
- Comments help managers to easily identify reasons for overtime and absences.
- Helps payroll staff track long term absences, such as RTW dates for employees coming back from long term illness or industrial accident (IA)
- Use of the comment field is particularly critical when reporting IA
- Can be used to identify Professional Development specifics
- Examples:





- Winter and Spring break periods require "forced vacation" for ten (10) and eleven (11) month employees. "Forced vacation" is reported by the Timekeeper without timecard usage. Review slide 4 for more details.
- Employees are able to accrue up to 328 hours annually. Hours accrued that exceed 328 as of August 31st each year are paid out to the employee on the September monthly payroll. It's important that employees reduce their vacation balances below 328 at the end of each August.
- Vacation balances are only payable when accruals exceed 328 at the end of each August, and when an employment has been terminated. Vacation balances are not paid out at any other time and there are no types of pay advances against vacation time allowed by the district.

Always be sure to read your monthly **Timekeeping Tips** where you will find crucial timekeeping information including instruction for the months affected by "**forced vacation**".

Absence Reporting: Online Roster/Time Reporter Error Notice

- Use the Online Roster/Time Reporter Error Notice when you are unable to access Time and Labor for the employee on the date indicated so that the corrections can be made by Payroll.
- Timekeepers are not permitted to make corrections in Time and Labor that surpass 90 calendar days and will require Payroll intervention beyond that time frame.
- Please include copies of the time card, absence request form, and any other supporting documentation.
- This form is **not** to be used to correct budget account codes for time that has already paid. In that situation you must contact your Financial Planning and Development Analyst for assistance.



Absence Reporting: Physician's Release

 After an absence of 30 or more consecutive calendar days, employees must submit a Physician's Release to Resume Normal Duties form to Human Resources (HR) in order to be allowed to return to duty.

 This document can be found in the forms section of the HR web page on the Employee Portal and must be submitted at least 3 work days prior to the date of intended return.

 Employees must not be allowed to return to duty without proper authorization from HR and they should be directed to HR if they arrive at the site without proper authorization to return to duty



Absence Reporting: SmartFindExpress (SAMS)

- Timekeepers must enter absences in Time & Labor for employees who call their absences into the SAMS system.
- Employees who report absences to the SAMS system must have a corresponding absence reported in Time & Labor using the appropriate leave for the absence.
- The SAMS system does not auto populate absences in Time & Labor in the way it populates the positive hours for the substitutes. Please make sure that you are running SAMS reports daily to assure that the corresponding absences are being reported in Time & Labor.
- Employee leave balances are critically important in assuring accurate pay and reporting to pension systems (CalSTRS and CalPERS). Do not wait to enter these absences.
- The HCM account code provided to teachers attending a professional development is for reporting time for their substitute VT's.
- Follow-up with employees to obtain the required back-up documentation.

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Absence Reporting: Industrial Accident Reporting

- Enter the IA time reporting code for employees in the event that they have claimed worker's compensation for an injury.
- Salary continuation allows monthly employees to receive their pay as usual, on schedule at the end of each month providing that they have adequate full pay sick leave to cover the time until the Worker's Compensation funds are processed.
- This time is charged against the full pay sick leave balance until payroll receives confirmation of an accepted claim.
- Any pay loss resulting from the temporary use of half pay sick leave is corrected by payroll as soon as possible.
- Salary continuation is not available for hourly employees.
- Be certain to enter details in the comments field including the date of injury and any other pertinent information.

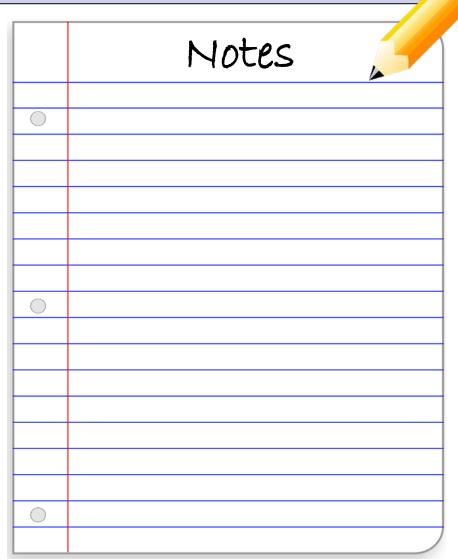






Any Questions?





"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit."

- Aristotle

Increase your knowledge and improve your performance!

