

What does Aesop mean for Middletown Public Schools?



Integrated data.

BACKGROUND

Middletown Public Schools in Rhode Island is very familiar with web-based software systems. Since 2004, they have been using Aesop, the most popular substitute placement and absence management system, to automatically schedule substitutes. They also use MyLearningPlan for online professional development (PD) requests and tracking. Middletown Public Schools has about 2,500 students in five schools, with 350 employees using Aesop and MyLearningPlan.

Previously at Middletown, a substitute or absence coordinator in each school building approved PD requests entered in MyLearningPlan. These requests would have to be entered in MyLearningPlan, approved, and then reentered into Aesop as absence requests.

"In these fiscally restrictive times, Aesop and MyLearningPlan are both an ideal choice for the IT and data challenges public schools face. It is wonderful to have an alternative option for stretching technology budgets while managing such critical data in such an efficient manner."

Linda Savastano, Director of Technology, Middletown

INTEGRATION

But in 2007, Frontline Placement Technologies, the provider of Aesop, partnered with MyLearningPlan to develop a bidirectional integration between the systems. The result is an industry-first interface that automates the flow of redundant data, saving hours and safeguarding against errors.

SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS

With the integration, coordinators merely approve the PD request form, and the absence request transfers automatically to Aesop. Similarly, cancelled requests in MyLearningPlan automatically cancel the absence request in Aesop. The MyLearningPlan forms collect absence information such as the date, times, school location, and whether or not a substitute is required. If a sub is needed, Aesop begins notifying substitutes of the open position. If not, Aesop simply tracks the absence and makes the details available through a report. The absence can also be exported to an HR or payroll system.

"The integration has greatly reduced the time we spend on data entry. This allows our time and resources to be used to fulfill many more of the needs for Middletown."

Linda Savastano

In the first three months, 439 absence requests from Middletown employees were processed automatically into Aesop from MyLearningPlan. Each automated request saved roughly 5 minutes of data entry and processing time. That means the new integration saved Middletown site coordinators approximately 37 hours over just three months.

Simply put, the new integration is highly valuable to Middletown through the significant amount of time it has saved the district on a monthly basis.

Questions?

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