



HMH Kids Discover Social Studies Back to School Update – September 2017

This document outlines important updates to *HMH Kids Discover Social Studies* in the *Ed: Your Friend in Learning* teaching and learning system for September 2017.

Customers of *HMH Kids Discover Social Studies* may have experienced limitations and technical difficulties with *Ed: Your Friend in Learning*. Here you will find what's available now along with new capabilities being developed with estimated timelines and resolutions to help make the teaching and learning experience the best it can be in the following areas:

- **Rostering**
- **Assessment**
- **Functionality/Content Availability**
- **Offline Access**

Rostering

The *Ed: Your Friend in Learning* teaching and learning system was optimized to use standard rostering methods, such as Simple File Format, OneRoster, etc. For the best rostering experience with *Ed*, we encourage you to use a file format. Instructions to walk you through this process are readily available on the rostering portion of our [Back to School](#) support site.

If you are a teacher rostering students through *Ed* on your own, we intend to add the ability to remove students from a class and archive a class by early November, 2017. We will also include the ability for administrators to turn off manual rostering for teachers mid-November, 2017.

Additional customer resources for rostering include: [FAQs](#), instructional [videos](#), links to [Import Management](#) and [Online Help Center](#).

Assessment

There are many assessments accessible for you today with improvements to come. Here are the highlights:

- *HMH Kids Discover Social Studies* magazine assessments for are available to launch, assign and manually score.
- *HMH Kids Discover Social Studies* online assessments can be printed via the “Print” icon within *Ed*. Additionally, there are identical PDF assessments that are ideal for printing. Teachers should use these to print out assessments for offline use with students. Please note that due to restrictions, these PDFs should not be downloaded – print only.
- Students will be able to see how they scored on an assessment in mid-November, 2017.
- Starting in a few months, you will begin to see new functionality around customization of online assessments.



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Functionality & Content Availability

Some customers may be experiencing limitations as *Ed* functionality continues to improve and evolve. Today, teachers are able to access magazine content through the first half of the school year. The second half will be available by mid-October, 2017. We are working to allow teachers to review student work within the eBook also available by mid-October, 2017.

Offline Access via the *HMH Player* App

An update to the *HMH Player* app will be available early November, 2017. This update will integrate program content from *HMH Kids Discover Social Studies*, providing you with offline access to the eBook. The *HMH Player* app will also allow students to download individual eBook lessons and utilize resources such as bookmarks, highlights and annotations.

Where can you go for help?

Our Technical Support Group is happy to assist you with any questions you may have regarding these new features. Please do not hesitate to contact them at techsupport@hnhco.com, 800.323.9239, or (+1) 973.368.0392.

For the latest information about Houghton Mifflin Harcourt teaching and learning systems, visit the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt® [Online Help Center](#) or our [Back to School](#) support site.