

Ed: Your Friend in Learning Update – September 2018

Introduction

This document outlines important updates and improvements to the *Ed: Your Friend in Learning*® system for September 2018. For the latest information about Houghton Mifflin Harcourt systems, visit the [HMH Help Center](#) or our [Back to School](#) support site.

Updates and Improvements

- **Create Tab & My Assessments**
- **Standards Reporting**
- **Administrator Search Functionality**
- **Audience Resource Filtering**
- **Deleting a Teacher Plan**
- **Group Drag and Drop**
- **Improved Student Mobility**
- **Team Teaching**

What Has Changed?

Create Tab & My Assessments

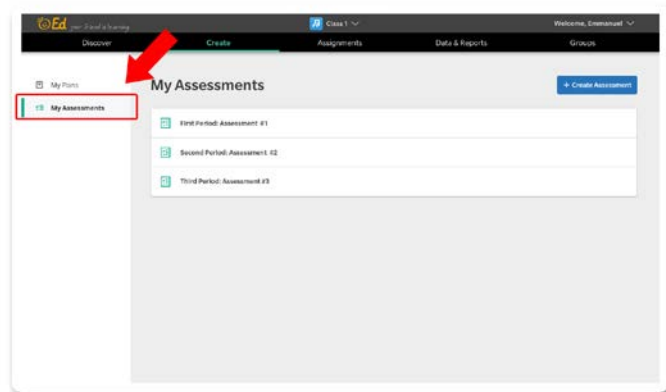
Teachers can now create customized assessments and assign them to students, providing greater flexibility in measuring student progress. The **Plans** section of *Ed: Your Friend in Learning* has been renamed to **Create**, and a new subsection called **My Assessments** is now available.

My Assessments provides teachers with the option to create new online assessments by browsing a bank of items from existing assessments. By first selecting **Create Assessment** within the **My Assessments** section, teachers can then give the assessment a title and description, and select a program to associate, identifying where the report will appear in **Data & Reports**. After creating an assessment, teachers can select the **Add Item(s)** option, browse items, select **Show Answer** to preview an item, and add one or more items to the new assessment. You must add all items you want included in the assessment before saving, as currently, you cannot return later to add more items. At this time, only items that can be automatically scored such as multiple-choice questions can be added to a new assessment.

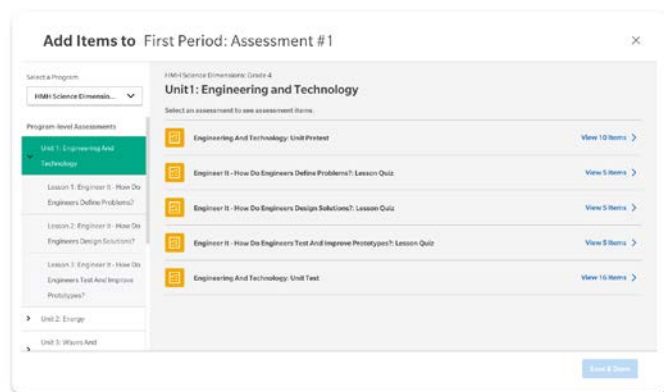
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Teacher-created assessments can then be previewed by selecting **Open** or assigned to individual students, whole classes, or Groups. Once assigned, completed assessments will appear in the class report of **Data & Reports**, corresponding to the program with which it was associated. Students will also be able to view teacher-created assessment Scores and completed assessments by accessing them from the **Assignments** section.

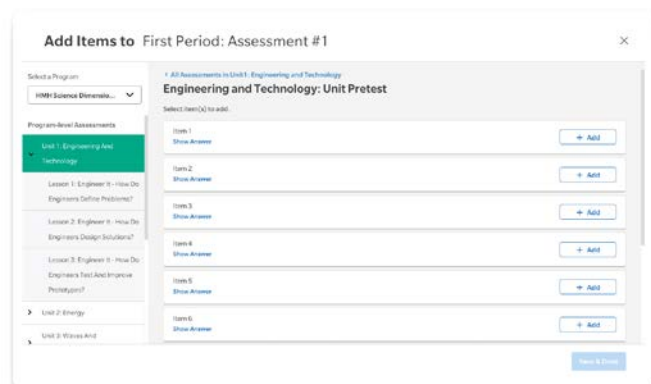
This image shows the new **My Assessments** section of the **Create** tab.



This image shows a list of existing assessments a teacher can browse when creating a new assessment, selecting items from a specific module or unit and lesson within the program.



This image shows a list of items from an existing assessment that can be added to a new assessment.



You can learn more about creating assessments in [HMH Help for Teachers](#).

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New Standards Report

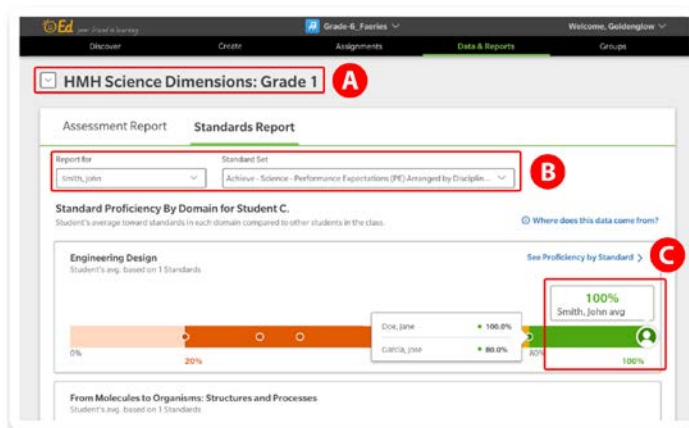
Teachers can gain more insight into standards proficiency for individual students within a class using a new **Standards Report** in *Ed: Your Friend in Learning*. This new report displays information on how students are performing relative to their classmates, providing valuable data to target whole-class and small-group instruction.

From the **Data & Reports** section of *Ed*, the **Standards Report** is visible from the main page next to the **Assessment Report** tab. The new report shows data associated with the grade level or program selected in the drop-down menu visible in the **Data & Reports** tab (indicated by an “A” in the first image below), and by default displays data from the first student and the first standard set in the menu (indicated by a “B” in the first image below).

When data is available, this report will provide a visual representation of the selected student’s proficiency within a domain (indicated by a “C” in the first image below). This report also provides indicators for other students in the same class. By selecting any of the color-coded scoring bands, teachers can view details of other students with performance that tracks within the scoring band across all assessments in the domain.

This image shows the Standards Report for a student and standard set, with a detail card showing a comparison of two other students.

Teachers can also focus on standards within a specific domain by selecting **See Proficiency by Standard**. This provides an overview of an individual student’s performance against all standards within that domain when assessment data is available. This includes a percentage average for each standard, the number of assessment items they have taken related to the standard, and a link to view program resources tied to the standard to guide further instruction.





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This image shows the view after selecting **See Proficiency by Standard**, providing an overview of an individual student's performance against all standards in the domain when assessment data is available.

You can learn more about the Standards Report in [HMH Help for Teachers](#).

Standards	Standards Average	# of Items	Resources
K-2-ETS1-1 Ask questions, make observations, and gather information about a situation people want to change to define a simple problem that can be solved through the development of a new or improved object or tool.	100.0%	5 Items	183 resources
K-2-ETS1-2 Develop a simple sketch, drawing, or physical model to illustrate how the shape of an object helps it function as needed to solve a given problem.	100.0%	7 Items	104 resources
K-2-ETS1-3 Analyze data from tests of two objects designed to solve the same problem to compare the strengths and weaknesses of how each performs.	100.0%	3 Items	77 resources

Administrator Search Functionality

School Administrators and District Administrators can now search for teachers, students, and classes within the **MySchools** section to quickly and easily manage rostering from within *Ed: Your Friend in Learning*. This support is in addition to existing roster management available when using [Simple File Format](#) (SFF) rostering.

After navigating to the **MySchools** section, a search bar is available within the **Teachers**, **Students**, and **Classes** tabs and will activate as soon as you begin typing in a name. Further search refinements can be added to narrow results by grade level.

This image shows the new search bar and grade filtering that Administrators will see within the **Students** tab.

You can find details about MySchools in [HMH Help for Administrators](#).

Name	Username	Classes	Grade
A. Jonathan	Jonathan	2	2
A. Maria	27646163	3	3
A. Madelyn	Madam	1	2
A. Malissa	Malissa	2	1

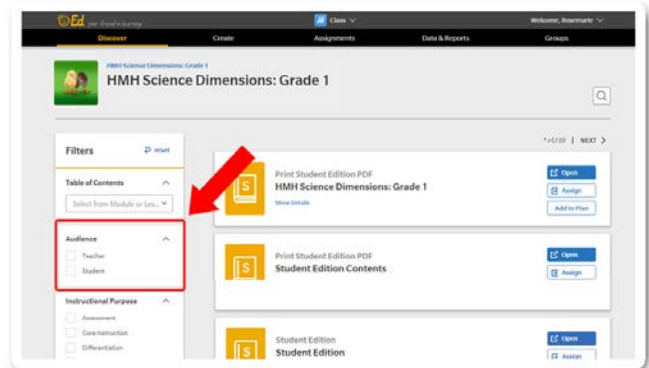
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Audience Resource Filtering

Teachers can now filter resources by audience type within *Ed: Your Friend in Learning*, allowing them to more quickly identify materials to utilize. This new filter is visible navigating the resources page within **Discover** and will adjust results to show only student resources or teacher resources.

This image shows the new audience filtering option with **Discover**.

You can learn more about navigating the resources page in [HMH Help for Teachers](#).

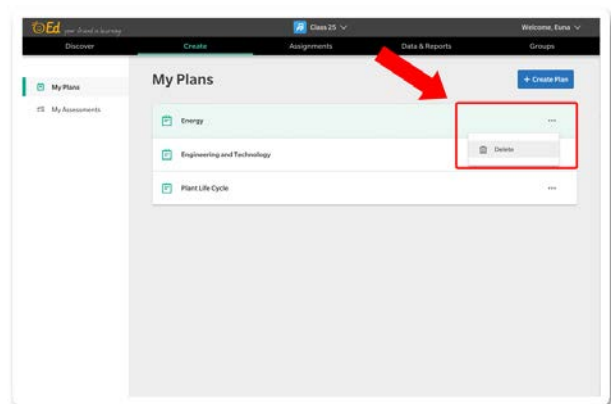


Deleting a Teacher Plan

Teachers can now delete a Plan they have created in *Ed: Your Friend in Learning*, providing increased management and control in lesson planning. By navigating to the **Create** tab and then selecting **My Plans**, teachers can simply click the ellipsis icon to the right of a plan's title and select **Delete Plan**. A window will appear to confirm the action and selecting **Delete** will remove the plan from **My Assessments**. Once removed, the plan cannot be retrieved but resources will remain available to create a new plan.

This image shows the delete option for **My Plans**.

You can learn more about Plans in [HMH Help for Teachers](#).



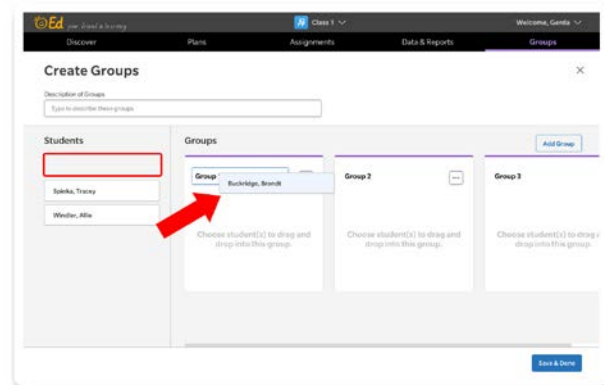
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Group Drag and Drop

Teachers can now use drag and drop to add one or multiple students to an existing student group on the **Groups** section of *Ed: Your Friend in Learning*. This improves the previous functionality of using a button to click and add a student to a group. After navigating to the **Groups** section, teachers can simply drag a student name to an existing group to add that student.

This image shows a student name selected and dragged over an existing group name to add the student to that group.

You can learn more about navigating the Groups page in the [HMH Help for Teachers](#).



Improved Student Mobility

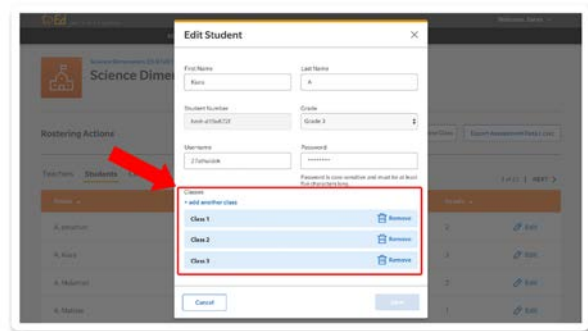
District and School Administrators can now quickly add or remove students from a class within *Ed: Your Friend in Learning*. This functionality has already been available when using Simple File Format (SFF) to roster, and this improvement expands student mobility options for organizations that do not use SFF. Administrators can utilize this to quickly and easily move students, which is especially important early in a school year when schedules may change more often.

From the **MySchools** tab, Administrators can select a school and quickly find a student account to add or remove from a class using the search bar. After identifying a student and selecting **Edit**, a window shows all classes assigned to the student. Selecting **Add Another Student** allows for finding a class to add the student. A **Remove** option is available next to each assigned class, allowing the student to be removed from that class. Teachers can also add or remove students from their own classes by similarly editing a student account.

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This image shows the **Edit Student** window where Administrators can add or remove a student from a class.

You can learn more about editing student information as an Administrator on Ed in [HMH Help for Administrators](#).



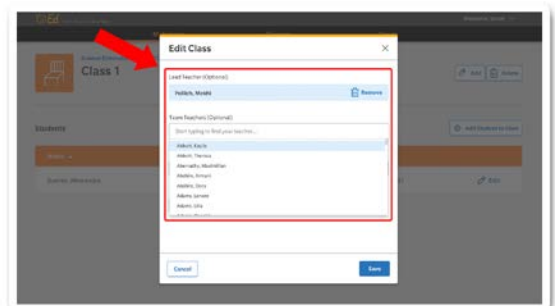
Team Teaching

District and School Administrators can now easily designate a Lead Teacher and a Team Teacher from within *Ed: Your Friend in Learning*. This concept has already been available when using Simple File Format (SFF) to roster and this improvement expands capabilities for organizations that do not use SFF, allowing teachers with different areas of expertise to collaborate, co-teach a class, and differentiate instruction for students.

From the **MySchools** tab, Administrators can select a school using the search bar to identify a class to designate for team teaching. After identifying a class and selecting **Edit**, two fields are available to find and designate a Lead Teacher and a Team Teacher. The same teacher cannot be designated as both options and both will have full access to the class, resources, and data. Currently, there is no difference in functionality between the two roles.

This image shows the **Edit Class** window where Administrators can designate a Lead Teacher and a Team Teacher.

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