

SFF-CLASSASSIGNMENTS File Details Dictionary



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The CLASSASSIGNMENTS file is used to identify class rosters, matching a single teacher and all students to a class.



Click to learn the file requirements and naming rules for Simple File Format import files on page 6.

An example of the CLASSASSIGNMENTS.csv template in Notepad is shown below.



An example of the CLASSASSIGNMENTS.csv template in Microsoft Excel® is shown below.



Note:

- When populating the import template file, required fields must be populated. Fields that are not required may remain empty, but even empty fields must be retained using commas. Do **not** use a space for an empty field.
- HMH recommends that quoted identifiers be used around all headers and fields.
- If your data set includes special characters, you must save your file as a UTF-8 File. (See Encode Files as UTF-8 or details.)
- Some features, content, reporting, and user interface pages have class size limitations, and as such, cannot support an unlimited number of users tied to a class. As such, a general rule is to keep class enrollments under 50 students. If any given HMH platform exceeds the number of users allowed, HMH will reject the creation of that class to that system and report an error. If you have classes like Lunchroom, Study Hall, and so on, it is best to filter that data out from being sent.
- Teachers should not be assigned to more than 50 classes either, regardless if they are team or lead teachers. If you have high number of TBD Staff or Virtual Teacher tied to hundreds/thousands of classes, you may wish to filter that out because some systems cannot support a user tied to more than 50 classes.
- → Click to open an example of a populated CLASSASSIGNMENTS.csv template file .



Details for each of the CLASSASSIGNMENTS template fields are provided in the table below. (Fields that appear in gray are optional.)

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Column	Field Name	Required	Instruction	Max. Field Length	Valid Values	Sample Entries
A	SCHOOLYEAR		Enter the year (YYYY) that the school year ends. For example, if the school year starts on 8/20/2018 and ends on 5/30/2019, then enter 2019 (For future use as more features become available)	4	0–9	2019
В	CLASSLOCALID	Y	 Enter the unique class identification number. This can be the Primary Key of a Class Table or a composite key of Course and ClassID. Note: It is critical that this value be unique across all classes in the district. This field must have a corresponding entry in the CLASS.csv file. Class IDs should change annually if you want data to clear out from prior year classes. If you do not change class IDs each year but want to start clean with assignments, consider appending a school year to the class ID. HMH recommends the following formula for this field: school year + class ID + section number + org ID Why include the school year? Including the school year is recommended because it ensures a unique CLASSLOCALID every year. If the same CLASSLOCALID is re-used year after year, then longitudinal reporting by class is not possible. Why include the org ID? HMH recommends that you add the org ID to the entries for this CLASSLOCALID field as well as the CLASSNAME field to best support classes that may move from org A to org B. If you do not do this, you may encounter situations in which a class cannot be created at a new org because that class already exists (active or inactive) at the original org. 	40	A–Z, a–z, 0–9, spaces, and *symbols acceptable *See Supported Symbols on page 5 for complete list.	17-18_ G8Alg1_s ec1_1234 56



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Column	Field Name	Required	Instruction	Max. Field Length	Valid Values	Sample Entries
С	LASID	Y	Enter the user's unique Locally Assigned Staff/Student Identifier (LASID) number. This ID is assigned by the district or school from the Student Information System; the ID entered when the user is created is permanently assigned to the user record.	75	A–Z, a–z, 0–9, spaces, and *symbols acceptable	STF_123 4567
			Note:It is critical that this ID be unique across all users and all locations in the district.		*See <u>Supported</u> <u>Symbols</u> on page 5 for complete list.	
			If there is a chance that staff and student LASIDs overlap within your organization, you may want to add a prefix such as "STF" to the staff user ID.			
			 To process class rosters, each class must contain the LASIDs of all students in the class and a single LASID for the primary teacher of the class. 			
			 HMH recommends that class rosters include no more than 50 users. 			
			 Each teacher may teach multiple classes within a single school, and each student may take multiple classes within a single school; therefore, it follows that 			
			 A teacher LASID can be associated to multiple classes. Each class associated to the teacher must have a unique CLASSNAME and CLASSLOCALID. 			
			 A student LASID can be associated to multiple classes at the same school. 			
			 For students and teachers who belong to more than one school, see <u>Multi-Org Account Linking for</u> <u>SFF</u> 			



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Column	Field Name	Required	Instruction	Max. Field Length	Valid Values	Sample Entries
D	ROLE	Y	Enter the role of the user. Note: Only 1 teacher can be entered for each class.	1	T (or t) = Teacher S (or s) = Student	S
E	POSITION	Student: N	For students, leave blank.	1		
		Teacher: Y	For teachers, enter the position of the user. One Lead teacher (L) must be designated for each class.		L = Lead teacher T = Team teacher	L
			Note: Only 1 Lead teacher (L) can be entered for each class. Any additional teachers for the class must be Team teachers (T); Ed has no limit on the number of Team teachers for a class.			
			Position data identifying multiple teachers for a single class is applicable to Ed only; for ThinkCentral and Holt McDougal Online, multiple teacher position data can be stored but not utilized at this time.			
			Click for details about the following: • Team Teachers • Alternate Roles • Multiple Roles			

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Supported Symbols

If you plan to use these extended special characters, you must save the file as a UTF-8 file. (See Encode Files as UTF-8 for details.) Additionally, HMH recommends that all fields and headers be placed in quoted identifiers.

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File Requirements and Naming Rules for Simple File Format Import Files

The Simple File Format (SFF) files that you prepare and submit must be:

- saved as CSV (comma delimited) files
- named a variation of the original file names (users.csv, class.csv, classassignments.csv, demographics.csv) with the following allowances:
 - may be uppercase or lowercase
 - may be singular or plural

For example: All of the following file names are acceptable: user.csv, users.csv, USER.csv, or USERS.csv

- combined and compressed into a single zipped file prior to upload and named according to the following rules:
 - Valid Values: alphanumeric (A–Z, a–z, 0–9), dashes (), underscores (_)
 - Must **not** contain special characters (except dashes and underscores)
 - For SFTP site file submissions (automated imports), spaces are not allowed (Import Management accepts zipped files with spaces, but the SFTP site does not.)
- complete snapshots of your organization's data

Note: Imports using the SFF templates require that all data be included at the time of the import. Your submitted import files are considered full year-to-date data files, so every import file replaces the last one imported. For example, if you import 500 users today and 15 tomorrow, then that triggers the removal of 485 users. Always submit full files for all locations if using the SFF.

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