

Apple Schoolwork Setup Guide

Distribute assignments and view student progress with Apple's free K-12 assignment app.

What Schoolwork Does

Lets teachers send handouts (PDFs, web links, documents) and create activities tied to ClassKit-enabled apps.

Surfaces per-student progress data (time on task, completion, scores) from supported apps.

Provides a privacy-respecting student view that highlights what teachers can and cannot see.

Prerequisites

Apple School Manager (ASM) with active roster sync.

iCloud for Managed Apple IDs enabled in ASM (Schoolwork uses iCloud Drive for handouts).

iWork suite (Pages, Numbers, Keynote) installed for collaborative handout types.

MDM Configuration Checklist

Push Schoolwork (free, App Store) to teacher and student iPads as a Required app.

Enable the Education payload with Class roster from ASM.

Allow iCloud Drive in restrictions for student Managed Apple IDs.

Confirm ClassKit-enabled apps in your district catalog (e.g. Sora, Notability, Explain Everything).

Privacy Considerations

Schoolwork only surfaces progress data for apps explicitly built with ClassKit and assigned by a teacher.

Students see a Privacy view listing what their teacher can see for each activity.

Personal Apple ID activity, browsing history, and other apps are never visible to teachers.

Teacher Rollout

Build a starter template library: weekly reading log, exit ticket, formative quiz.

Train teachers to assign handouts to a whole class first, then differentiate.

Pair Schoolwork PD with your LMS workflow so teachers know when to use each.

Common Issues

Cannot send handouts → confirm iCloud Drive is enabled for the Managed Apple ID.

Progress data missing → app must be ClassKit-enabled and the activity must be assigned via Schoolwork.

Students cannot see assignment → verify the class roster in ASM matches the SIS section.

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