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## The EdGate Observer

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Greetings everyone,

In this month's newsletter, we focus on the most recent education news pertaining to Next Generation Science Standards (Hot Topic), The Australian National Curriculum (Client Solution), SmartBlog on Education (Teaching Trends), Content Development and Other Services (EdGate Services) and following up with new additions to the EdGate Standards Repository (Standards Update).

As always, EdGate is your source for staying current with new developments in education and the impact of educational standards.

Regards,

**Gina Faulk**  
EdGate General Manager

### Client Solution

#### The Australian National Curriculum (Standards)

As announced by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), in 2014 the [Foundation to Year 10 Australian Curriculum](#) was implemented for the four core subject areas. The national curriculum (educational standards) was implemented to improve the learning outcomes for Australian students regardless of their socio-educational advantages or disadvantage. The goals of the national standards are to rebalance the learning outcomes and improve accessibility for students with disabilities. Australia has worked towards this goal for two decades and now the first Australian national standards are available for use in schools across Australia. Using a blend of the best state and territory standards along with examples of standards from other countries across the world the standards have taken two to three years of development for each subject. In an effort to support 21st century learning, cross-curriculum priorities were included in addition to the learning areas and general capabilities. National standards in other subject areas such as the arts, civics, and business and economics are also in the process of being implemented. EdGate has these and other international standards available for licensing or for content correlation. If your company would be interested in having access to



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### Top Stories

#### [What's New in the New AP History Framework](#)

The College Board issued a new AP U.S. History curriculum framework in 2014. Education Week breaks down the changes for the 2015 curriculum.

#### [Common Core for College Readiness](#)

Research shows that students exposed to rigorous curricula and the practices that the Common Core embodies are more likely to succeed in college or a career.

#### [Senate Passes Act That The Arts Are Considered Core Subjects](#)

The arts are finally receiving attention in a new education plan, the Every Child Achieves Act, which will allow every child to

these or other [international standards](#) please contact your project manager or a member of our sales team.

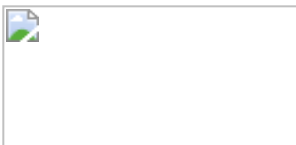
Read more at <http://www.acara.edu.au/default.asp>

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## Hot Topic

### Next Generation Science Standards

The Next Generation Science Standards have been closely scrutinized virtually since their inception by scientists and others. The most public controversy has been, unsurprisingly, about the treatment of evolution in the NGSS. However, specialists in other areas are contributing their views as well. According to [this article](#), a recent analysis of the coverage of genetics concepts in the NGSS and state science standards was done by education specialists at the American Society of Human Genetics. They determined that, on average, the NGSS were a slight improvement over individual state standards, but that several key concepts were not addressed - notably, understanding patterns of genetic inheritance. It was also noted that the reviewers involved in the study frequently disagreed about whether particular NGSS items addressed genetic concepts and how deeply they did so. The study's authors argue that similar variations in interpretation of the NGSS among educators and stakeholders may lead to inconsistencies in the level and quality of science education under the NGSS.



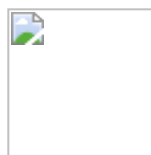
For more information, see [the press release](#) issued by the American Society of Human Genetics and the [original study](#) published in PLOS ONE.

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## Teaching Trends

### SmartBlog on Education

Our attention was captured by a recent three part blog written by *Lucien Vattel, CEO of nonprofit GameDesk and founder and co-director of the PlayMaker School*. The second blog in the series highlights play as the foundation for learning. "Through educational play, we get to explore new ideas and come to know ourselves, as well as those around us in often-profound ways" says Lucien Vattel. When researching early childhood standards for ages 3-5, EdGate found over 1,200 standards across the country that focus on imaginative play. Take a minute to explore the PlayMaker School site [PlayMaker School](#). You will be inspired! PlayMaker School was also recently highlighted on [PBS NewsHour](#).



To read more go to [SmartBlog's website](#).

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## EdGate Services

### Content Development and Other Services

In last month's article we highlighted the fact that states are holding education leaders accountable for student success, using standards as the measurement of that success. We explained how EdGate's

have access to Arts Education.

## Staff Highlight

In this issue of the EdGate Observer, we would like to introduce a member of our Marketing Team, **Sharla Schuller**.



Sharla joined the EdGate team in 2012. She graduated from Northern Arizona University with a degree in Advertising. At EdGate, she develops and maintains the EdGate Correlations website, Curriculum Matrix website, manages our social media feeds, and creates printed and online marketing material. She also works closely with the marketing team at EDmin.com to produce emails, printed marketing materials and website development. In her spare time, Sharla volunteers in the community, enjoys baking, making jam and participating in outdoor activities.

subject experts can support you in this effort.

While standards alignment is one of the primary services we provide and a focus for most of our clients, other EdGate clients rely on the EdGate team for custom development of lessons, assessments, activities, metadata, taxonomies, and other special resources.

If you are in a pinch and need help with content development, or are looking for standards-aligned resources, including Open Educational Resources, please contact one of our representatives for information. We are happy to discuss our services in greater detail and share the benefits of working with EdGate!

You may also learn more about EdGate and the various services we provide by visiting our website at: [http://correlation.edgate.com/products\\_services/custom\\_development.html](http://correlation.edgate.com/products_services/custom_development.html)

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## Standards Update

Updates to **The EdGate Standards Repository** include:

- Arkansas - Arts Education (2014)
- National Coalition for Core Arts Standards (NCCAS) - Arts Education (2014)
- North Carolina - Mathematics Grades 9-12 Courses (Math I, II, III)
- U.S. National Standards - Arts Education (2014 NCCAS)
- Utah Exploring Technology - Career Technical Education (2015 Grade 8)

## **CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION - NEW ADDITIONS AVAILABLE FOR STANDARDS LICENSING!**

### **Arizona Career Technical Education**

- Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AZ)
- Architecture and Construction (AZ)
- Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications (AZ)
- Business, Management and Administration (AZ)
- Education and Training (AZ)
- Health Science (AZ)
- Hospitality and Tourism (AZ)
- Human Services (AZ)
- Information Technology (AZ)
- Manufacturing (AZ)
- Marketing, Sales and Service (AZ)
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security (AZ)
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (AZ)
- Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics (AZ)

### **Colorado Career Technical Education**

- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources (CO)
- Alternative Cooperative Education (CO)
- Arts, A/V Technology, & Communications (CO)
- Education & Training (CO)
- Energy (CO)
- Finance (CO)
- Health Science (CO)
- Hospitality & Tourism (CO)
- Human Services (CO)
- Information Technology (CO)
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security (CO)
- Management & Administration (CO)
- Marketing (CO)
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (CO)

### **Maryland Career Technical Education**

- Career Development Framework (MD)

### **New York Career Technical Education**

- Arts / Humanities (NY)
- Business / Information Systems (NY)
- Engineering / Technologies (NY)
- Family and Consumer Sciences (NY)
- Health Services (NY)
- Human and Public Services (NY)
- Natural and Agricultural Sciences (NY)

### **North Carolina Career Technical Education**

- Agricultural Education (NC)
- Business, Finance and Information Technology (NC)
- Career Development (NC)
- Family and Consumer Sciences (NC)
- Health Science (NC)
- Marketing and Entrepreneurship (NC)
- Technology, Engineering and Design (NC)
- Trade and Industrial (NC)

### **Ohio Career Technical Education**

- Agricultural and Environmental Systems (OH)
- Arts and Communication (OH)
- Business and Administration (OH)
- Construction Technologies (OH)
- Education and Training (OH)
- Engineering and Science Technologies (OH)
- Family and Consumer Sciences (OH)
- Finance (OH)
- Government and Public Administration (OH)
- Health Science (OH)
- Hospitality and Tourism (OH)
- Human Services (OH)
- Information Technology (OH)
- Law and Public Safety (OH)
- Manufacturing (OH)
- Marketing (OH)
- Transportation Systems (OH)

### **Wisconsin Career Technical Education**

- Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources (WI)
- Business & Information Technology (WI)
- Common Career Technical Standards (WI)
- Family & Consumer Sciences (WI)
- Health Science (WI)
- Marketing, Management & Entrepreneurship (WI)
- Technology & Engineering (WI)

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EdGate currently focuses on correlation consulting, content and metadata development and management, media segmentation and licensing of international educational standards. EdGate

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