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Top Stories

2013-2014 Standards Implementation

The following organization subjects in the EdGate Standards Repository will be added to the U.S. State Standards for implementation in the 2013-2014 school year. This will be completed by September 1, 2013.

Alabama Common Core

- Language Arts (grades K-12)

Connecticut Common Core

- Language Arts (grades K-12)
- Mathematics (grades K-12)

Florida Common Core

- Language Arts (grades 2-12)
- Mathematics (grades 2-12)

Hawaii Common Core

- Language Arts (grades 3-10)
- Mathematics (grades 3-10)

Idaho Common Core

- Language Arts (grades K-12)
- Mathematics (grades K-12)

Kansas Common Core

- Language Arts (grades K-12)
- Mathematics (grades K-12)

Louisiana Common Core

- Language Arts (grades K-12)
- Mathematics (grades K-12)

Massachusetts Common Core

- Language Arts (grades K-12)
- Mathematics (grades K-12)

Welcome to The EdGate Observer!

Greetings everyone,

In this month's newsletter, we focus on the most recent education news pertaining to Maryland and New York CCSS Updates (Common Core Update), Coexisting with Open Educational Resources (Hot Topic), Enhancements Available for Customer User Interface (Client Solution), New EdGate URL Link Checker (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 specifically the impact of educational standards.

Regards,
Sandra Schugren, EdGate General Manager

Client Solution

ENHANCEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CUSTOMER USER INTERFACE

If your correlations service contract includes delivery of alignments via a Client User Interface (CUI), you may want to consider updating your CUI with the new enhanced look. The CUI display has been updated for standards and content searches and is available in various color schemes.



(Click image to expand)

The screenshot shows two search interfaces. The top interface is 'Standards Search' with a sub-header 'Find standards and the content correlated to each standard'. It features a 'Standards' dropdown menu with options for 'United States' and 'Common Core', and a 'Subject' dropdown menu with options for 'Language Arts', 'Mathematics', 'Science', and 'Social Studies'. There is also a 'Grade' dropdown menu with options for 'Pre K', 'K', '1', '2', and '3'. A 'Search' button is located below the dropdowns. The bottom interface is 'Content Search' with a sub-header 'Find content with the standards correlated to each'. It features a 'Search Terms' input field, a checkbox for 'include summary in search', and dropdown menus for 'Product: All Products', 'Subject: Please select a subject', 'Grade: Please select a grade', and 'Standards: Please select standards'. A 'Search' button is located below the dropdowns.

The CUI provides a method of accessing correlation data hosted by EdGate within a client's own website. The CUI is a drop-in solution that integrates seamlessly into an existing website. It provides clients with an application that allows their customers to view updated standards and correlation data on their website without needing to maintain a database of standards or correlation data. This application is customized by EdGate to look and behave in a manner consistent with the rest of the client's website.

Michigan Common Core

- ◆ Language Arts (grades K-12)
- ◆ Mathematics (grades K-12)

Minnesota Social Studies 2011

- ◆ Social Studies (grades K-12)

Montana Common Core

- ◆ Language Arts (grades K-12)
- ◆ Mathematics (grades K-12)

Nevada Common Core

- ◆ Mathematics (grades 3-12)

New Hampshire Common Core

- ◆ Language Arts (grades K-12)
- ◆ Mathematics (grades K-12)

North Dakota Common Core

- ◆ Language Arts (grades K-12)
- ◆ Mathematics (grades K-2)

South Carolina Common Core

- ◆ Language Arts (grades K-12)
- ◆ Mathematics (grades K-12)

Washington DC Common Core

- ◆ Language Arts (grades K-12)
- ◆ Mathematics (grades K-12)

West Virginia Common Core

- ◆ Language Arts (grades K-2)
- ◆ Mathematics (grades K-2)

Search results are exportable as well as printable. By using the icons on the search results pages for either the standard or content, results can be exported in Excel or Word and can also be printed. Below is an example of a Microsoft Word export of a content unit search.

(Click image to expand)

Standards Correlated to Algebra I Checkup: Practice Problems		
Complete a set of practice problems to hone your calculation skills.		
Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards		
Grade 9		
Mathematics	FL.MA.912.A	Algebra
BIG IDEA	MA.912.A.2	Relations and Functions: Draw and interpret graphs of relations. Understand the notation and concept of a function, find domains and ranges, and link equations to functions.
BENCHMARK	MA.912.A.2.1.1	Solve real-world problems involving relations and functions.
BIG IDEA	MA.912.A.10	Mathematical Reasoning and Problem Solving: In a general sense, all of mathematics is problem solving. In all of mathematics, use problem-solving skills, choose how to approach a problem, explain the reasoning, and check the results.
BENCHMARK	MA.912.A.10.1	Use a variety of problem-solving strategies, such as drawing a diagram, making a chart, guessing- and-checking, solving a simpler problem, writing an equation, working backwards, and creating a table.

Contact your Project Manager if you would like to see a demonstration of the enhancements available for Client User Interface or if you have a deliverable other than the CUI and would like to consider adding the CUI as another service.

By: [Kathleen Ideguchi](#)
Project Manager

Hot Topic

COEXISTING WITH OER?

The International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) seemed to be throwing down the gauntlet to publishers in its newest report "OER State Policy in K-12 Education: Benefits, Strategies, and Recommendations for Open Access, Open Sharing" with a statement that said "Today's textbooks are obsolete and the acquisition process is broken." The report explains the benefits of Open Educational Resources (OER) in the new Common Core State Standards climate according to iNACOL.



In a seemingly more reasonable response, Education Week's Sean Cavanagh published a follow-up article "Free Online Content Forces Publishers to Adjust." He goes on to explain that the commercial and free sectors, in his opinion, will coexist for years to come. In a very insightful quote from Lee Wilson of the Association of Educational Publishers, he brings up the notion that Open Educational Resources are not really free; the costs are simply transferred to other entities, such as foundations, universities, or states.

The Education Week article goes on to cite many examples of how some publishers are working with or supplementing OER materials.

Resources:
[OER State Policy in K-12 Education](#)

[Education Week: Free Online Content Forces Publishers to Adjust](#)

By: [Rich Street](#)
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Staff Highlight

We would like to introduce you to a member of our Language Arts Project Team,
Nancy Rubesch

Nancy Rubesch correlates English, Arts and Computer Technology materials. She has thirty years of teaching secondary English and Visual Arts. For several years she worked as a feature writer for a city newspaper, has taught high school art and has been a practicing artist for many years. She has a Masters in Finance and, in addition, has received several Fulbright and National Endowment to the Humanities awards enabling her to do graduate work in Asian and Middle East Studies in China, India, Israel and Egypt. She has been with EdGate since 2004.

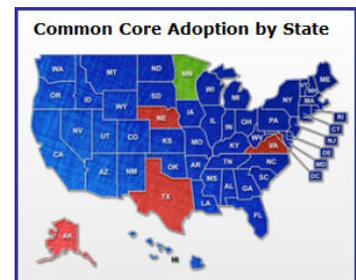
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Common Core Update

UPDATE: MARYLAND and NEW YORK STATE COMMON CORE

The EdGate Standards Repository now includes the Maryland Common Core Curriculum Frameworks for Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies (Literacy).



These do not include the "Essential Skills and Knowledge" section from their documents as the state explained these are meant to be a supportive document for Maryland teachers but will not be lettered or numbered because the focus of instruction will be on the language in the Common Core State Standards.

Founded in 1997, EdGate Correlation Services (EdGate) is a leader in the field of alignment solutions for educational companies around the world.

The EdGate Standards Repository is the most comprehensive collection of national and international educational standards in all subject areas.

Through the power of our technology and the professional experience of our subject-area specialists, EdGate provides **accurate and continually updated correlations, on-demand correlation reporting capabilities, and effective website integration options.**

EdGate can also deliver standards licensing, customized taxonomy solutions, correlation to assessment standards, and more.

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The High School Mathematics standards are constructed as courses and units of study for Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. This format is similar to and follows the outline in the Common Core Model Course Pathways in Mathematics (Appendix A).

In regards to the New York State Draft Social Studies Frameworks for K-12, the state advised EdGate's standards team they are currently working on revisions these frameworks and anticipate a 2nd release for public review in the Fall 2013. Following that, they expect to release a final revision early next year (2014). Schools "may" begin to implement in the 2014-2015 school year, but the state explained it is most likely the full implementation will take place in 2015-2016.

EdGate Services

NEW EDGATE URL LINK CHECKER

EdGate has just made some enhancements to its URL validation program and we would like to offer this service to you.



Save your technical team the time and headache from getting pulled off other, more important projects and let us do the checking for you! We will run the link checker at the end of each quarter and provide you with a report showing which links are broken or inactive so you can take immediate action! Right now we are running a "buy 3, get 1 free" special which entitles you to receive four quarterly reports for the price of three.

Hurry and contact your Account Representative for more information today! To reach Leslie Kolber, please email her at lkolber@edgate.com or to reach Tracy Olstad, please email tolstad@edgate.com.



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Standards Update

Updates to [The EdGate Standards Repository](#) include:

- ◆ Maryland Common Core - Language Arts (2011)
- ◆ Maryland Common Core - Mathematics (2011)
- ◆ Maryland Common Core - Science Literacy (2011)
- ◆ Maryland Common Core - Social Studies Literacy (2011)
- ◆ National Curriculum for England - Arts Education (2013)
- ◆ National Curriculum for England - Technology (2013)
- ◆ National Curriculum for England - World Languages (2013)
- ◆ National Curriculum of Ireland - Business Studies (1999)
- ◆ National Curriculum of Ireland - Classical Studies (1999)
- ◆ National Curriculum of Ireland - Geography (1999)
- ◆ National Curriculum of Ireland - History (1999)
- ◆ National Curriculum of Ireland - Science (1999)
- ◆ NCLEX-RN Examination - Health Care (2013)
- ◆ North Carolina - Social Studies American History Revision (2011)
- ◆ Ohio 2014-2015 - Social Studies Revisions to Grades 4, 6, 7, 8, 9-12 (2013)
- ◆ Utah - Arts Education (2010)
- ◆ Washington DC - Early Childhood Education (2009)

If you have any questions regarding standards, feel free to contact me and I will be happy to assist you. You can always join us on Twitter and Facebook to receive notifications regarding state standards in the

[EdGate Standards Repository](#) at:

<http://twitter.com/EdGate>

<http://www.facebook.com>

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