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Greetings everyone,

EdGate is proud to be part of the Microsoft Education Partner App program and participate in promoting the usage of high-quality open educational resources aligned to educational standards. At the [ISTE conference](#) in June, EdGate was excited to support Microsoft in their endeavor to quickly facilitate activities, assign them to students, and manage classroom content in an intuitive way.

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

### CMX is Now Available in the Windows 10 Educational App Store

The CMX app is a repository of tens of thousands of educational resources that are free and available via the internet. EdGate created the app to organize these resources in one repository where educators can quickly locate quality resources by grade and subject. Moreover, EdGate provides alignment of these resources to your state or international

standards. Try out [CMX](#) for free and discover links to high quality resources all vetted by subject matter experts.

For more information, visit the [Microsoft Windows 10 Educational App Store](#) or the EdGate [CMX website](#).

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## Hot Topic

### California Pre-K funding

In recent years, states have increased funding efforts and therefore have been able to improve standards for their early education programs. According to [US News](#), states with successful early education programs have seen significant improvement in K-12 and beyond.



California has increased spending for pre-K by 17% for the 2015-2016 school year in connection with the newly introduced state-funded [transitional kindergarten](#) program. This program recently changed the age requirements and now children as young as age 4 are allowed to enroll in a transitional kindergarten (TK) program. TK acts as a bridge between preschool and kindergarten and provides additional opportunities for children whose family are not able to afford a private pre-K program.

The Golden State's recent injection of cash into its state-funded pre-kindergarten program accounts for more than one-third of the overall spending increase that occurred for pre-K across the US in the 2015-2016 school year. Only a handful of states, including Iowa, Maine and Indiana, have significantly increased publicly funded education to children of a younger age.

EdGate will continue to follow state and international programs and their related standards as they expand and change.

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## State Highlight

### 'Kindness' Curriculum and Standards Are New Focus

Schools across the nation are beginning to strive towards making 'personal character', focusing on kindness, a feature of education for all students. Classes on social-emotional learning, celebrate mindfulness, kindness, and consideration. According to the Josephson Institute, 62% of the students believe that academic achievement is valued more than kindness by the staff.



A private school in Tampa, Florida, has adopted a [philosophy of kindness](#) that is "infused" throughout all school activities, and promoted all year long. Carrollwood Day is one of 70 schools around the country who have partnered with Harvard's "Making Caring Common" project, which is to make compassion an expectation of their students. This approach is not a 'class' from 9 am to 10 am, but rather a full-on embrace of extending kindness to all ages, by all ages, all year around.

While there is no 'assessment' to measure how well a person extends kindness to another, a ripple-effect of kindness spreading through the schools is evident.

Internationally, The Regional Institute of Education in Mysuru , India has also been addressing this non-academic, but ever-so-important behavioral attitude of [kindness and sensitivity](#). Working with a curriculum from 2005, many issues are coming to light that in 2005 were not really at a conscious level.

Oregon State is addressing the issue by developing [ethnic-studies standards](#) into existing statewide social-studies standards, directed by the Oregon Department of Education. The curriculum and resulting standards would recognize the "histories, contributions and perspectives of ethnic minorities and social minorities", and be drafted by June 15, 2018. These Ethnic studies standards would then be adopted by 2020, with their

implementation in schools set for 2021. This new law makes Oregon the only U.S. state to have ethnic studies for K-12. A few other states also have laws in the works, including Washington and California.

As our clients develop new content in response, EdGate will be available to align to these new standards.

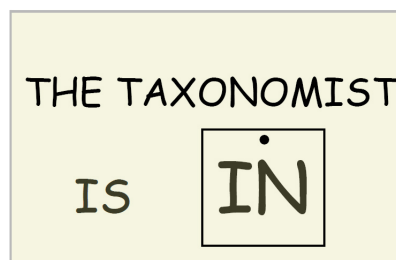
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## EdGate Services

### Get Categorized and Organized, Get Taxonomies!

EdGate recently presented at a n educational technology event which addressed the need for educators to have fast and easy access to resources right at their fingertips.

The focus was on developing subject-specific taxonomies that are used for the primary purpose of categorizing content, making the search for resources not only effective but more efficient. Using a taxonomical list of terms or concepts, teachers can quickly and easily find content specific to their grade and subject without the delay or hassle of sorting through resources unrelated to their need.



While EdGate offers a license to the [Concept Index](#) (our proprietary taxonomy), we also develop custom taxonomies according to the specific need of each partner. Taxonomies can be designed for different purposes and include various options such as single or multiple subjects, number of terms or concepts, alignment to state, national or international standards, and more.

If you are looking for a way to better organize your resources and would like to consult with one of our experts, please [contact us](#) and one of our Account Executives will be happy to schedule an appointment with you.



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## Standards Update

Updates to The EdGate Standards Repository include:

- Australia - Australian Curriculum (ACARA) The Arts (2016 Grades K-10)
- Australia - Tasmania Australian Curriculum - English (2016 Grades K-10)
- Australia - Tasmania Australian Curriculum - Health and Physical Education (2016 Grades K-10)
- Australia - Tasmania Australian Curriculum - Humanities and Social Science (2016 Grades K-10)
- Australia - Tasmania Australian Curriculum - Mathematics (2016 Grades K-10)
- Australia - Tasmania Australian Curriculum - Science (2016 Grades K-10)
- Australia - Tasmania Australian Curriculum - Technologies(2016 Grades K-10)
- Australia - Tasmania Australian Curriculum - The Arts (2016 Grades K-10)
- Australia - Victoria Curriculum - English (2016 Grades K-10)
- Georgia Performance Standards Science (2016 Grades K-12)
- Georgia Performance Standards Social Studies (2016 Grades K-12)
- Louisiana Believes Science Standards (2017 Grades K-12)
- Michigan CTE - Agriculture and Natural Resources (2013 Grades 9-12)
- Michigan CTE - Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (2012 Grades 9-12)
- Singapore Ministry of Education Science Standards (2017 Grades 3-12)

# TOP *STORIES*

## **Students Say They Are Not as Tech Savvy as Educators Assume**

A recent study by the Pew Research Center shows students have found themselves pushing back on the stereotype that all millennials are digitally savvy. While some students fit this stereotype, many others often find they lack the skills or equipment necessary to succeed.

## **Apple Coding Language Will Soon Be Taught at Community College**

While Apple already offers training on its coding language online, students will soon be able to learn how to code and design apps using curriculum developed by Apple Engineers. These courses will be available in a handful of community colleges across the country.



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EdGate Correlation Services works with over 250 content providers to increase the value of their products in a rapidly expanding digital world. EdGate uses its patented technology and highly skilled staff to assure client success. Employing its nearly two decades of innovation experience, EdGate has proven learning platforms, robust metadata tools and comprehensive correlation services to serve every clients unique needs.

EdGate currently focuses on correlation consulting, content and metadata development and management, media segmentation and licensing of international educational standards. EdGate Correlation Services LLC is a division of EDmin, Inc., a learning management and instructional technology solutions company based in San Diego, California.

