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Greetings everyone,

In this month's newsletter, we focus on the most recent education news pertaining to Physical Education as a Core Subject (Hot Topic), State Common Core Adoption and Implementation Plans (Common Core Update), States Begin Adopting NGSS (Client Solution), BETT Conference in London (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,

Sandra Schugren,
EdGate General Manager

Client Solution

States Begin Adopting NGSS

The list of states that have adopted the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) continues to grow after release of the standards last April. There are 11 states now that have adopted the NGSS as their science standards, including Rhode Island, Kentucky, Kansas, Maryland, Vermont, California, Delaware, Washington, District of Columbia, Nevada, and Oregon. Illinois also has moved toward adopting the standards by the state board of education unanimously approving the NGSS in January, but official adoption is pending legislative review. Although these State Boards of Education have adopted the NGSS, many of them will not 'implement' them as their official set of standards for another year or more. It is important to remember that adoption does not necessarily mean instant implementation, and Oregon is a good example - "It will take a number of years before the NGSS are implemented and assessed in Oregon schools", says Oregon DOE.



Some states are much quicker to implement, and so far Kansas and California have already implemented the NGSS performance expectations as their official set of science standards. EdGate now has these available in their standards repository.

But the process of adopting hasn't always been smooth. In Kentucky, the Governor adopted them over the objections of state legislators. In Kansas, the adoption resulted in a lawsuit that sought to block their adoption. And the Wyoming legislature has preemptively blocked their use in that state.

EdGate will be monitoring the NGSS adoptions and their ensuing implementations, and of course, which states will simply be maintaining their own sets. This is certain to be a journey...so stay tuned!

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[Georgia STEM teacher education](#)

Georgia will be the first state in the South to join a growing national initiative that seeks to increase the supply of outstanding teachers in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields and to change how they are prepared to teach.

[The Maddening Truth About SAT Scores](#)

According to data provided last year by the College Board, the real secret to higher SAT scores is richer parents.

[Khan Academy + CollegeBoard SAT Prep Materials and More](#)

The College Board, creators of the SAT, recently

For more information, visit [Next Generation Science Standards](#)

By: [Larry Johnson](#)
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Hot Topic

Update: Who Will Lead The World In Making Physical Education A Core Subject?



In September 2013, EdGate reported that the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Physical Activity and Physical Education in the School Environment delivered, in its report *Educating the Student Body: Taking Physical Activity and Physical Education to School*, a recommendation that Health and Physical Education be designated as core subjects by the federal government.

On March 12, 2014 more than 100 school health and physical education teachers met with their members of Congress during AAHPERD's sixth annual SPEAK Out! Day on Capitol Hill in support of The PHYSICAL Act, which stands for Promoting Health for Youth Skills in Classrooms and Life (S.392, H.R. 2160). The bill designates physical education and health education as core subjects, making them eligible for federal funding under Title I and Title II. School districts could use the funds to expand physical education and health education programs and professional development for teachers. Educators are hopeful that these funds will also enable them to dedicate weekly physical activity time, enhance classroom instruction and develop creative health programs.

The American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance is an organization of professionals involved in physical education, physical activity, dance, school health and sport specialties related to achieving an active, healthy lifestyle.

Read More at
<http://www.aaahperd.org/pressroom/speak-out-day-2014.cfm>

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Common Core Update

Since the finalization of the Common Core State Standards in 2010, EdGate has been monitoring state adoption and implementation plans. The following is an easy chart of the past, current, and upcoming implementations for each state:

2011-2012 2012-2013 2013-2014 2014-2015

Colorado	Alabama	California	Illinois
Kentucky	Arizona	Connecticut	Indiana
	Arkansas	Florida	Maryland
	Delaware	Hawaii	Missouri
	Florida	Idaho	New Mexico
	Georgia	Kansas	Ohio
	Hawaii	Louisiana	Oklahoma
	Iowa Core	Massachusetts	Oregon
	Maine	Michigan	Pennsylvania

announced a redesigned SAT coming in 2016 and a historic partnership with Khan Academy to make comprehensive, best-in-class SAT prep materials open and free.

[SAT to Drop Essay Requirement and Return to Top Score of 1600](#)

The SAT college admission test will no longer require a timed essay, will dwell less on fancy vocabulary and will return to the familiar 1600-point scoring scale in a major overhaul intended to open doors to higher education for students

[Florida Chooses New Test to Replace FCAT Next Year](#)

Florida is ready to part ways with the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, a mainstay in the state's schools for more than a decade. Pam Stewart, the state's education commissioner, announced on Monday that she has approved a six-year contract with a not-for-profit outfit to develop a new test that students will be required to take a year from now.

Staff Highlight

In this issue of the EdGate Observer, we would like to introduce you a member of our Science Project Team,

Keegan Burmark



Keegan joined the EdGate team in 2012. He graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Secondary Science Teaching. Since graduating he has been teaching science at Orting High School. At Orting High School Keegan teaches a variety of science subjects including Physical Science, Biology, Zoology, and AP Biology. Keegan also teaches for the Rainier Scholars Program in Seattle during the summer. During his spare time, Keegan likes to spend time with his daughter by going hiking and checking out the animals at the zoo!

Minnesota	Mississippi	Rhode Island
New Jersey	Montana	South Dakota
New York	Nevada	Tennessee
North Carolina	New Hampshire	Vermont
	North Dakota	Washington
	South Carolina	West Virginia
	Utah	Wyoming
	Washington DC	
	West Virginia	
	Wisconsin	

For more information about state-specific adoptions, please visit our [Common Core State Standards website](#).

EdGate Services

In January, Leslie Kolber attended the BETT Conference in London, which showcases the best in UK and international learning technology products and services.

Is your business in the process of global expansion? At EdGate, we offer an international repository of 14 different countries. We have added standards in Spanish languages for Mexico and Puerto Rico and are working on Panama and the Dominican Republic. If English speaking countries are your focus EdGate has the newly updated UK National Curriculum and AQA GCSE, EDEXCEL, OCR GCSE and CAMBRIDGE IGCSE test objectives, Scotland Curriculum for Excellence, Northern Ireland, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. In addition, EdGate will work with you on other aspects of being global such as custom translation projects, development of metadata and other content services.

For more information and pricing, please contact Leslie Kolber at lkolber@edgate.com or Tracy Olstad at tolstad@edgate.com.



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Standards Update

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

- AQA GCSE Science A 4405 - Science (2014 exam)
- AQA GCSE Science B 4500 - Science (2014 exam)
- Australian Curriculum (ACARA) - Social Studies (2013)
- California - Mathematics (Revised 2014)
- Colorado - Media/Technology (Name change from NETS-S to ISTE-S)
- Edexcel GCSE Additional Science 2SA01 - Science (2014 exam)
- Edexcel GCSE Biology 2BI01 - Science (2014 exam)
- Edexcel GCSE Chemistry 2CH01 - Science (2014 exam)
- Edexcel GCSE Physics 2PH01 - Science (2014 exam)
- Edexcel GCSE Science 2SC01 - Science (2014 exam)
- Georgia - Media/Technology (Name change from NETS-S to ISTE-S)
- Illinois - Media/Technology (Name change from NETS-S to ISTE-S)
- Kansas Common Core - Language Arts (2013 Anchor Standards added)
- Kansas - Language Arts (2013 Anchor Standards added)
- Kansas - Science (2013 NGSS)
- Rhode Island - Media/Technology (Name change from NETS-S to ISTE-S)
- Texas TEKS Social Studies Grade 8 Breakouts - Social Studies (2013)
- Texas TEKS World History Studies Breakouts - Social Studies (2013)
- Texas TEKS United States Government Breakouts - Social Studies (2013)
- U.S. National - Media/Technology (Name change from NETS-S to ISTE-S)

AQA - (Assessment and Qualifications Alliance) is an Awarding Body in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It compiles specifications and holds examinations in various subjects at GCSE, AS and A Level and offers vocational qualifications.

Edexcel - a UK company, is one of England, Wales and Northern Ireland's five main examination boards. The company offers a variety of qualifications, including A levels (GCES), GCSEs and the BTEC suite of vocational qualifications.

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:

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<http://www.facebook.com>

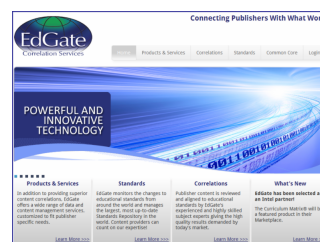
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