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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 #GoOpen (Hot Topic), Information on EdGate's ability to Certify Correlations (Client Solution), Next Generation High Schools (Teaching Trends), What's Hot: CTE (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

#### EdGate Certifies Correlations

Some states are requiring publishers to submit third-party evaluations to document how their content aligns with their specified state standards in order to be considered for use. In conjunction with the correlation reports, the state also requires a letter from the third-party evaluator certifying the publisher's percentage of correlation to their state standards.



EdGate has been working closely with Virginia's DOE since 2011, certifying publishers content to the Virginia State Standards each year.

For a closer look at Virginia's application process, you can visit [their website](#).

EdGate is an established provider of this service for publishers, so let us know if you need our help!

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### Hot Topic

**#GoOpen**

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### Top Stories

[Parents, Students Split on College, Work Readiness](#)

A recent report shows many high school parents think their children leave high school prepared for college while students, faculty and employers are less likely to feel the same.

[What it will take to make computer science education available in all schools?](#)

Many schools find the gap between the number of students wanting to take computer science classes and the availability of teachers seriously lacking.

[Can students learn more by assessing their progress?](#)

Current standards are

A campaign to promote the use of openly licensed educational materials was announced by the U.S. Department of Education last month. The move is meant to encourage school districts and states to use "freely accessible, openly-licensed materials." Unlike textbooks, such resources can be readily updated and/or adjusted by teachers to meet the needs of their students.



On October 29, the Office of Educational Technology, a part of the Office of the Secretary of Education, proposed a regulation requiring an open license for any copyrightable intellectual property created with U.S. Department of Education discretionary competitive grant funds. "By requiring an open license, we will ensure that high-quality resources created through our public funds are shared with the public, thereby ensuring equal access for all teachers and students regardless of their location or background," said John King, senior advisor delegated the duty of the Deputy Secretary of Education.

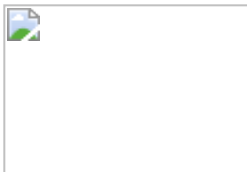
Source: <http://tech.ed.gov/open-education/>

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## Teaching Trends

### Next Generation High Schools

Some interesting news came out regarding the future for high schools in the United States. President Obama announced more than \$375 Million in public and private support for redesigning our high schools to encourage student success, increase graduation rates and greatly improve the quality of education in our high schools. The announcement came at the Obama Administration's first-ever [White House Summit on Next Generation High Schools](#) on November 10th and the initiative hopes to increase the incorporation of STEM focused curriculum and provide a more relevant high school experience that prepares our students for colleges and careers. Competitive grants would be awarded to districts who can design high schools that will challenge the current system and improve on areas of instruction, curriculum and better integration for career planning. A lofty but imperative goal to revamp our high school learning environment to prepare our students to meet the needs of the 21st century world.



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## EdGate Services

### What's Hot

In light of the recent White-House Summit on Next Generation High Schools, we want to highlight our 2015 initiative for Career Technical Education (CTE) standards.

At the end of last year, EdGate made the commitment to acquire all of the Career Technical Education (CTE) and Common Career Technical Core (CCTC) standards for our repository by the end of 2015. To date, we have successfully processed over 90% of all the standards.

If you have a learning management system and are in need of CTE standards, you're in luck! The standards are ready and available for licensing now!

Phase II of this initiative will be to align Career Technical Education content to the standards. Correlating the CTE standards is an important, ongoing initiative and we are looking for publishers to partner with us on this journey.

written for teachers, not students. The trend is moving towards student self-assessment to help students understand what they are actually learning.

### [Wearable technology expands in schools](#)

New wearable technology is finding its place in schools as tech companies are developing new programs to immerse students in virtual reality scenes that teachers can connect to classroom materials.



High School graduation rates in the U.S. are on the rise for the third year in a row. Rates rose in 36 states with the biggest increase in Delaware where 87% of students graduated on time. Alabama and Oregon also saw substantial increases at 86.3 percent and 72 percent. More information is available at [WashingtonPost.com](http://WashingtonPost.com).



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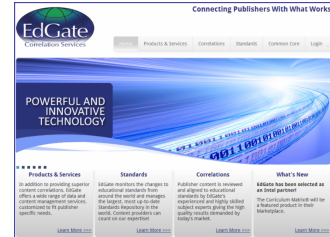
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EdGate Correlation Services works with over 200 content providers to increase the value of their products in a rapidly expanding digital world. EdGate uses its patented technology and highly skilled staff to assure client success. Employing its nearly 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.

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