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Greetings everyone,

In this month's newsletter, we focus on the most recent education news pertaining to the most popular educational standards based on EdGate stats (Hot Topic); the correlation of Assessment Items (Client Solution); New York Revamping Common Core Standards (Teaching Trends); Donating textbooks to a worthy cause (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,

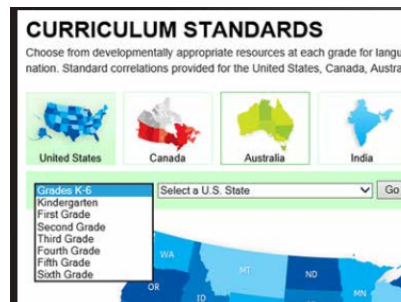
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### Hot Topic

#### The K-12 Educational Standards Popularity Contest

According to EdGate stats, the top ten most popular standards lookups in 2016 thus far are as follows:

1. Common Core
2. Texas TEKS
3. NGSS
4. Florida
5. California
6. Georgia
7. Virginia
8. Ohio
9. Indiana
10. North Carolina



This information is based on data from the close to 200 correlation user interfaces that EdGate maintains and supports for educational publishers. The EdGate Correlation User Interface (CUI) is an iFrame which allows end users to dynamically search and view the content metadata and associated standards directly from a publisher's website. Educators have the freedom and flexibility to search for content specific to their needs and classrooms, finding resources that meet their state standards. If you are interested in learning how a CUI can help you gather intelligence about your end users and their interests, [learn more here](#) or [contact us](#).

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### Top Stories

[Compare the Candidates: Where Do Clinton and Trump Stand on Education Issues?](#)

As the election grows near, Education Week has compiled a comparison of each presidential candidate's stance on education.

[Is kindergarten becoming the new first grade?](#)

Across Minnesota many kindergarten classrooms are moving from beginning learning to more complex comprehension. This can be traced partly to statewide goals urging that all third-graders should read at grade level.

[Should schools teach cursive handwriting?](#)

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## Client Solution

### We're here to help with the correlation of your Assessment Items!

Our business and success is centered around academic standards that are used for correlation to content, print or digital. This includes assessment items! That's right, we even correlate assessment items!



As an industry leader we understand the need for alignment to standards and the overwhelming challenge to meet and stay on top of those demands. In the case of the ever changing K-12 assessment landscape, it is even more important. Publishers who are working hard to ensure their items are innovative and provide meaningful measurement that improves learning truly have their work cut out for them.

So why not let us help?

EdGate offers a variety of cost-effective solutions that provide quality, global alignment of your content to all standards in one fell swoop! Whether it is collaborating with our subject experts for correlating to your specifications, or you opt to take advantage of our DIY alignment tools, there is a solution that's right for you.

If you have considered aligning your assessment items to standards, but are struggling with the time, resources and budget to do so, please contact one of our Account Executives at (866) 405-3357 or [contact us](#) and they will be happy to share more about our services and how we can save you money!

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## Teaching Trends

### New York Revamping Common Core Standards

New York is the latest state to revamp their Common Core standards for math and English Language Arts. On September 21st New York released their new [draft standards](#) for both subjects. Public comment on these will be open until November 14th. Sixty percent of the ELA standards and 55% of the math standards have been changed in this draft version and it is expected that the final revisions will be presented to the Board of Regents early next year.



A question expressed by many is "How significant will the final changes actually be in comparison to the current Common Core standards?" As states have veered away from the Common Core designation and revised their individual state standards, it is very apparent that the standards are still quite similar. [State Education Commissioner](#), MaryEllen Elia said the proposed changes varied from terminology or clarifications to grade level adjustments and consolidation of standards or in some cases standards are completely replaced. Proponents for Common Core are happy to see that the "anchor standards" have remained largely intact while the changes that have been made are intended to satisfy parents and teachers frustrated with the Common Core standards.

technology in schools, cursive handwriting has been set aside so that students can learn typing skills. Many schools still argue in favor of cursive, stating it is needed to read historical documents and develop signatures.

## Did You Know?

Did you know that high school graduation rates are at an all-time high of 83%? This marks the fifth straight record-setting year.

However, these statistics need to be put into context in order to understand the nuance behind these impressive numbers. Dissect the information [here](#).

Additional reading:

[NY proposes Common Core revamp](#)

[New York state recommends changes to over half the Common Core learning standards](#)

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## EdGate Services

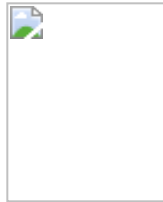
### Making a Difference

The wisdom of children is astounding. One of our favorite stories is about the child who sees hundreds of starfish stranded on the beach, and begins taking them one-by-one to the water to save them. An adult walking the beach says to the child "You can't possibly make a difference...there are far too many starfish to save!" The child curiously looks at the adult and responds "It will make a difference to this one", and throws it into the sea. There are many iterations of this story, and the essence is dear to all of us in the educational arena - make a difference!

EdGate receives hundreds of textbooks to correlate each year. For the most part, our publishing clients do not require that we ship these books back to them. So we've been making a difference for kids by making these books available, not only within local organizations like schools, but worldwide too. For years we have helped a small, local organization called Tusome Kenya, supply an upstart library in the village of Majiwa, Kenya, with books.

If you are interested in donating to this very worthy cause, you can read more here:  
<http://www.tusomekenya.org/>

### We're here to help with any of your educational needs!



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## Standards Update

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

- Arkansas Standards - English Language Learners (2014)
- Georgia Science 2016 - Science (2016 to be implemented 2017-18)
- Georgia Social Studies 2016 - Social Studies (2016 to be implemented 2017-18)
- Iowa Core Standards - English Language Learners (2014)
- Nebraska Standards - English Language Learners (2014)
- North Carolina Standards - Mathematics (2016)
- Ohio Extended Standards - Language Arts (2012)
- Ohio Extended Standards - Mathematics (2012)
- Ohio Extended Standards - Science (2012)
- Ohio Extended Standards - Social Studies (2012)
- Oklahoma Standards - World Languages (2015)
- Washington Standards - Health and PE (2016)

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