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*"Educating Georgia's Future"*

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RE: Reproduction of Georgia's Academic Content Standards in Instructional Materials and Textbooks

Dear Publisher/Provider:

The Georgia Department of Education ("GaDOE") has become aware that some publishers/providers reproduce portions of Georgia's academic content standards, some of which are known as "Georgia Performance Standards," "GPS," "Georgia Standards of Excellence," "GSE," as well as other curriculum standards developed by GaDOE, as parts or sections of instructional materials or textbooks. Our academic content standards are copyrighted works primarily owned by the GaDOE on behalf of the State of Georgia. As such, publication of these academic content standards without permission of the GaDOE constitutes copyright infringement.

In addition, various portions of Georgia's academic content standards have been licensed to GaDOE by third party copyright owners. Any use of a third party's copyrighted works may subject the unauthorized user to a copyright infringement action by that third-party owner.

Publishers/Providers may cite the number of the standard and/or a brief portion of the standard provided that publishers/providers refrain from reprinting the entire standard.

Publishers/Providers may also provide the official link to the academic content standards ([www.georgiastandards.org](http://www.georgiastandards.org)) in any instructional materials, learning resources, or textbooks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stacey Suber-Drake". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Stacey Suber-Drake  
Interim General Counsel