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New Courses

Edmentum is releasing several brand new courses to our online courseware solution. These new courses have been built from the ground up to align to the most up-to-date standards. The new state-specific courses demonstrate Edmentum’s commitment to maintaining a tight alignment to both national and state-specific standards. The new middle school courses are the continuation of an initiative to completely revamp our middle school Social Studies and Science content. These new courses provide an even greater level of engagement and interactivity than the courses they replace. Spring courses have already been released, and Summer courses will be automatically available upon their release for educators that use the applicable libraries.

Spring Courses
- North Carolina OCS Introduction to Mathematics A/B
- North Carolina OCS Biology A/B
- North Carolina American History I: The Founding Principles A/B
- North Carolina American History I: The Founding Principles A/B

Summer Courses
- Physical Science A/B v3.0
- Life Science A/B v3.0
- Middle School World History
- Middle School US History
- World History Survey
- World History A/B v3.0

New CTE Courses

Not only does Edmentum offer core content and world language courses, Edmentum is also the industry-leading provider of online Career, Technical, and Elective Education courses with over 100 semesters covering all 16 nationally recognized Career Clusters®. These courses cover a breadth of topics that allow students to learn and explore the skills needed for careers that interest them, and they cover a depth of content that provide pathways toward job readiness and career certification.

This spring, we released several new CTE courses to enhance our offering.

- Psychology A/B v2.0
- Introduction to Forensic Science
- Introduction to Veterinary Medicine
- Introduction to Marine Biology
- Introduction to Visual Arts
- Environmental Science A/B

To learn more about the value of CTE review this Edmentum Blog post.

Teacher Graded Activities

Teacher Graded Activities are a new feature that allow teacher and student interaction on a project-based application activity within a Plato Courseware course. Students complete a multi-step activity within our mobile-optimized content player, and then submit the activity for teacher review, comment, or score. This nurtures the teacher-student learning relationship and sets struggling learners up for success by allowing the learner to submit for review and receive meaningful feedback from the teacher, prior to final submission for score.

To learn more about Teacher Graded Activities review this Edmentum Blog post.
Enhanced Courses

In spring, we released several updated national common core and state-specific standards-based courses enhanced with Teacher Graded Activities, and will be releasing several more this summer.

All of the spring courses have already been released, so if you are using the Plato Courseware libraries that contain these courses, you should already see them in your account with the word NEW next to them. As the summer courses are released, you will see those in your account if you are using the applicable content libraries.

Spring Courses
• US History A/B v2.0
• Academic Success v2.0
• Health v3.0
• Physical Education v2.0
• World Geography A/B v2.0

Summer Courses
• Geometry A/B v5.0
• Precalculus A/B v4.0
• Consumer Math A/B v3.0
• Probability and Statistics A/B v3.0
• Advanced Calculus A/B v3.0
• English 9, 10, 11, & 12 A/B v5.0
• Advanced Literature and Composition A/B v3.0
• English 6 A/B v3.0

Plato Courseware and Edmentum Assessments Platform Enhancements

This spring we made several usability enhancements to the Flex Assignments application located on the Plato Courseware and Edmentum Assessments platform. Flex Assignments is a tool included with all Plato Courseware and Edmentum Assessments subscriptions that allows instructors to quickly and easily assign content to learners to supplement coursework, or for acceleration or remediation.

Some of the big enhancements to Flex Assignments are: the ability to access quick reports directly from the Flex Assignments application, the ability to edit progress for individual learners from the Flex Assignments application, and the ability to archive Flex Classes in the administration center.

Flex Assignment Reports

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Plato Courseware and Edmentum Assessments Platform Enhancements

**Flex Assignments edit learner progress**

![Image of Flex Assignments edit learner progress]

**Archive Flex Class**

![Image of Archive Flex Class]

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Plato Courseware and Edmentum Assessments Platform Enhancements

Edmentum is also releasing additional platform enhancements to the Plato Courseware and Edmentum Assessments platform this summer.

- Administrators will be able to batch enroll learners into classes in Plato Courseware. This enhancement saves educators time by allowing them to enroll multiple groups of learners into multiple classes all at the same time, instead of having to manually enroll learners one class at a time. Before using this feature, learners must be enrolled in the program with Student Information System IDs and classes must be created.

**Batch enroll learners into classes**

![Batch processing - Enroll](image)

- Administrators will be able to give instructors permission to create classes in Plato Courseware. This permission allows administrators to delegate the task of class creation to instructors without giving them administrator level access to the program or the account.

**Instructor class creation permission**

![Account Settings](image)
Plato Courseware and Edmentum Assessments Platform Enhancements

- The progress bar that shows learner progress on assignments will be enhanced so that the percentage complete reflects all activities within the assignment instead of only the modules mastered. This enhancement makes the percentage complete a more accurate reflection of how much work a learner has completed. This enhancement impacts the Learner Home Page, Learner All My Work Page, Learner All Activities Page, Educator View—Sensei Large Card, Learner Portfolio Report, and the Graphic Learner Progress Report.

Learner Home Page Progress Bar

To learn about other educator experience enhancements from the past year check out this Edmentum Blog post.
To learn about other learner experience enhancements from the past year check out this Edmentum Blog post.
New and Enhanced Test Pack Assessments

To align with changing standards and state assessments, this Spring Edmentum released new National Social Studies fixed form assessments, and this summer, Edmentum is releasing several new and updated national and state-specific assessments as well.

The National Social Studies Test Pack Released this spring are already available to all Edmentum Assessments customers with Test Packs. State-specific Test Packs will become automatically available to current customers in those states upon their release. The new SAT and ACT Test Packs will be an available option for customers upon their release.

Test Packs includes an automatically delivered prescription to support students with individualized learning needs. This summer we are updating prescription content for the following assessments in grades 6 - 11:

- US Common Core Edition 3 ELA and Math
- Texas STAAR ELA
- Arizona AzMERIT ELA and Math
- Florida FSA ELA and Math

### Spring Test Pack Assessments
National Social Studies—4 forms
- Grades 3-8
- World History
- World Geography
- US History

### Summer Test Pack Assessments
Indiana Academic Standards—4 forms
- ELA Grades 3-11
- Math Grades 3-8
- Algebra I
- Algebra II
- Geometry

Ohio EOC—New Subject Available! - 4 forms
- Biology

North Carolina EOC—4 forms
- Math I
- Biology
- English II

Texas STAAR Math Edition 2—4 forms
- Math Grades 3-8
- Algebra I
- Algebra II
- Geometry

ACT Test Pack—3 forms
- Math
- Reading
- English/Writing
- Science

SAT Test Pack—3 forms
- Math
- Reading
- Writing and Language

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Study Island Standards Mastery Content Updates

To maintain a tight alignment with changing state and national standards, Study Island is releasing several updates to our standards mastery content this summer. Upon release this content will be automatically available to all customers who own the corresponding content.

- Oklahoma Math and ELA Grades 2-High School
- Mississippi Math and ELA Grades 2-High School
- Louisiana Math and ELA Grades 2-High School
- Massachusetts Science Grades 3-High School
- Virginia Social Studies Grades 3-High School
- ACT Math, Reading, English/Writing, Science Practice Content—Includes 3 ACT practice assessments
- SAT Math, Reading, Writing/Language Practice Content—Includes 3 SAT practice assessments

Study Island New and Updated Benchmarks

Study Island is also releasing new and updated Benchmark assessments this summer that reflect the newest and most up-to-date standards.

Summer Benchmark Assessments

Indiana Academic Standards—4 forms
- ELA Grades 3-11
- Math Grades 3-8
- Algebra I
- Algebra II
- Geometry

Ohio EOC Biology—4 forms

North Carolina EOC—4 forms
- Math I
- Biology
- English II

Texas STAAR Math Edition 2—4 forms
- Math Grades 3-8
- Algebra I
- Algebra II
- Geometry
**Power User Program**

Study Island is launching a brand new feature to help educators learn how to get the most out of Study Island. The Power User Program will consist of mini-lessons on Study Island features and then will allow the user to test their knowledge and even earn Study Island blue ribbons. Completing and mastering all of the topics will designate the users as Power Users and will give them the knowledge that they need for a truly successful implementation.

**Refreshed Interface**

The user interface of Study Island will be receiving an upgrade giving it a refreshed look and feel and a more engaging interface. None of the functionality or navigation will change, so you will still be able to easily access all of the program features and reports as you have in the past.

**Power User Program in refreshed Study Island interface**

To learn about other Study Island enhancements from the past year check out this [Edmentum Blog post](#).
EducationCity Enhancements

This summer, a series of EducationCity enhancements will improve the educator experience—further individualizing learning and tracking student progress toward achievement goals.

- Florida customers will receive a new standards map that will make identifying appropriate instruction and activities even easier by aligning all content to state-specific standards and objectives.
- All EducationCity users will see improvements made to reporting functionality in SuccessTracker. Following this summer’s release, educators will be able to build and then save the most recent report for further review.
- Educators at both the teacher and administrator levels can now select their own avatars from a collection of fun monster characters, making using the product even more fun.
- Both Spelling and Math PlayLive games have been upgraded to HTML5 as well as receiving a visual refresh to incorporate new animation, avatars and music.
- Times table songs and activities are now broken out into two separate pieces of content. ‘Times Table Songs’ will be their own content type for grades 3-6 and the activities will no longer contain the song component.
- A new MyCity template has been created, called ‘Social Studies MyCity’, to give educators opportunities to use core EducationCity content in cross-curricular applications.
- SuccessTracker will include even more data! When students complete a test and receive a Revision Pathway of individualized activities to complete, performance on that learning progression will be recorded in SuccessTracker.

Revision Pathway performance in SuccessTracker

If you have questions or need support at any time during your implementation please reach out to Edmentum's award-winning support team by sending us an email at support@edmentum.com or by giving us a call at 800.447.5286.