



Dr. John D. Barge, State School Superintendent

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Re: Reproduction of the Georgia Performance Standards in Textbooks

Dear Publisher,

The Georgia Department of Education ("GaDOE") has become aware that many publishers reproduce portions of the Georgia Performance Standards ("GPS"), Georgia Common Core Performance Standards ("GCCPS"), and other curriculum standards developed by GaDOE as parts or sections of textbooks or learning resources. GPS is a copyrighted work written by the GaDOE on behalf of the State of Georgia. As such, publication of the GPS without permission of the GaDOE constitutes copyright infringement. In addition, various portions of the GPS 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 may cite the number of the standard and/or a brief portion of the standard provided that publishers refrain from reprinting the entire standard.

Publishers may also provide the official link to the Georgia Performance Standards, www.georgiastandards.org, in any textbook, learning resources, or related materials.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Hackemeyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Jennifer Hackemeyer
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