

Bridget Billings, Parent

"My children have struggled with Common Core curriculum. Every time I look at a math problem I wonder why they made something so simple so difficult. It is not age or developmentally appropriate for the kids. My older daughter struggled with Common Core Algebra last year. She is an advanced Honors student who should have had no trouble with algebra but her year was hell, her Regents grade significantly lower than her science Regents. Some schools let their kids take the old exam too. Ours did not, based on stated regulations. Oh how unfair. But the state has not enforced that rule. Now my kid will be at a disadvantage when applying to colleges. It is my firm belief that, in using Common Core curriculum and testing, NY State is using our children as pawns in a game against the teachers. The teachers are being forced to teach to these tests. As a result, The classroom environment is tense and demanding beyond belief. I firmly believe that use of Common Core should be abolished in our state and that every district forced to buy materials to teach it should be reimbursed by the state. Common Core is an utter failure in NY State."