

**Mandi Meenan, Parent**

As the parent of a child with an IEP, my concerns are that common core seems to be trying to not only completely change the ways that things are taught, but to put all children into the same box. I struggled to convince the district that my daughter was not getting the best education she could get while being forced into the standard box for years. Once common core came into play, her struggles became much more intense. I have another child, who doesn't have the issues that she has, but I can still see, even with him, how confusing and pointlessly difficult common core makes things. I have also spoken to several teachers, and former teachers, who aren't happy with the common core. I admit, I am not an expert on this subject, and a lot of my opinions are based on heresay, but I am a big believer in tailored education and this seems like the opposite to me.