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Common core has severely hampered the ability of my children to learn basic, fundamental principles in ELA and especially in Math. The math curriculum does not focus at all on how you perform basic mathematical operations. I have had to tutor both my sons, at home, to show them how to approach math and to use problem solving techniques. I had to teach my eldest son how to do long division because he was never properly instructed on the steps to perform the operation. He is a freshman in high school. I am sick of hearing about the lost class time spent preparing for tests to evaluate schools and teachers. I meet with my sons teachers often and I do not need the state to tell me they are competent or not. I can judge that. My wife feels the same way. Stop the bureaucracy and the self-back patting and teach our children the core basics in the usual way. Math has one proper way to be taught. We don't need Tape Diagrams and all the other fluff that fills their text books, so that you cannot even find the steps to perform a basic operation. Get rid of common core NOW!