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Common Core is good in theory but does not work at all. Students are far less knowledgeable today than ever before. Students are not learning the facts and the basics that they need to be higher level thinkers. In order to write well, students need to spell words correctly, and they need to learn English grammar and correct punctuation. To do math problems, students need to memorize the times tables and be able to work out math problems in the way that they understand. For years we, as teachers, have been taught that students have varying learning styles and we must construct lessons so that every student is given the opportunity to learn in his/her own style. This thinking can no longer exist because with Common Core, all students are required to do well on the same tests and they are all required to think in the same way.

Students do not care about how well they do (unless they are self motivated, have parents who are pushing them, or realize that they need to achieve a goal and they are determined to make that goal). Even students who would have been the high achievers in the past do everything with as little effort as possible. They understand that New York is only holding schools and teachers accountable, not them. New York needs to tell students that they actually have to try to learn, do the required work and study.