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I am wholeheartedly against the manner in which common core was instituted. As a parent of a high school sophomore, who is looking toward college, she is suffering for the lack of preparedness of our teachers, in her grades. Consequently, her ability to gain entrance into the college of her choice is absolutely being jeopardized by this poor planning. Starting a new method of instruction for students in the ninth grade is unacceptable. At a time when formal transcripts are beginning????? The teachers were ill prepared and finding tutors is quite difficult because no one knows the material!

Additionally, the amount of standardized testing for these poor kids is horrible. If they are truly learning anything, it is how to be a good test taker.

If adding common core was absolutely necessary, start it with kids just entering school. Not for the unfortunate high schoolers who have never had this type of instruction, yet are being required to perform as though they did. My straight A student has become a B student thanks to the Common Core.