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I feel like the implementation of the common core was rushed and poorly planned. I don't think the students are prepared for the tests because they are missing key pieces that will be implemented in lower grades.

* I do not have enough time to teach the curriculum because I have lost so many days to testing.

*Due to budget cuts, my class sizes are double what they used to be, and I'm expected to get better results with less days to interact with my students, and less individualized attention.

*We don't know what the tests will look like. The students know that the tests don't matter to their grades, so they don't care how they do on them, yet these are being used to evaluate teachers?? *How am I supposed to teach students when they don't come to school?? We need stricter enforcement of attendance! Take away parents tax breaks if their children don't come to school.

*My students have never passed a class, but due to social promotion are moved onto high school, and now suddenly have to pass... they don't understand!

*Many of my students have special needs. They have difficulty reading/understanding the exam, but yet, still count against me.

*PLEASE, listen to your educators; we want to have a working system!

I love my job, and I'm great at it. In fact, so good that they give me the "problem children" and the other colleagues the "advanced" children. I'm the one you will lose because I care about my job and will work hard to get them through, and sometimes I need to teach them life skills at the loss of content.

*There's more to teaching than a test.