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I think standards are a good thing, but...the way these were implemented and the idea that all students should be taught in the same way is ludicrous. Each teacher knows his or her students best, they should be allowed to teach to the diverse populations they work with, not be handcuffed to one learning style. One size does NOT fit all. That goes for teacher evaluations as well. Each teacher teaches a different subject...art, music, phys ed., etc. should be evaluated on their OWN curriculum and teaching area!!!!