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"The common core standards are not developmentally appropriate due to the rushed rollout of the tests and standards. There should be time given for teachers and students to adjust to the common core standards before basing student and teacher achievement on the standards. In addition, I teach in a district with many special needs and non-English speakers. Students should take exams based on their grade level ability, instead of age. This would allow for more time given to assist children in learning these skills instead of rushing to teach them for the test."