

**Richard Stumacher, Parent**

"The Common Core math program is terrible. The teachers do not understand it well. The teachers do not teach it well. When helping my children at home, the way I approach their math problems is different- as it is not the Common Core method- and this becomes confusing to my children.

My son's Advanced Algebra teacher is a 25 year veteran. She admitted that she did not have much faith in the Common Core method of teaching algebra, and proceeded to do a terrible job of teaching it. We wound up having to hire a private tutor to ensure he would pass the Regents. When reviewing, my son had absolutely no difficulty with the non-Common Core previous exams.

I believe in progress and advancing our methods of education. However, when an experiment fails, choosing to not recognize the failure and just keeping things going for the sake of all the previous effort expended, is a bigger mistake than not trying to make positive changes at all."