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Both of my children have been exposed to the Common Core Curriculum and I am not pleased. My son is in tenth grade and has had to be put into a remedial program for Algebra 1 and Algebra 2. When tested using IQ testing he scored two grades above grade level in mathematical reasoning and application. My father, a brilliant engineer, scratches his head when helping my son with his homework, questioning why questions are worded in such complicated and tricky fashion.

He could have very well been the brilliant engineer, however we will never know because my son feels he cannot succeed in this area.

My daughter who is now in sixth grade received an overall grade of 90% in her classroom. She is a very eager and excited about her studies. She scored a level 2 on the NYS Math assessment in fifth grade. The test used was ridiculously difficult and she says she does not want to do that ever again.

What does Common Core and high stakes testing equate to? It equates to children feeling that they are not capable of achieving their dreams of being a successful adult. It is disgusting to allow children to believe they can't achieve! My child will not be exposed to NYS this year! Not acceptable NYS.

Very Dissatisfied