No More State Exams

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Why spend forty seven thousand dollars on an exam that does not benefit anyone, when we can use it for something we need. State exams are problems for all students all around the country. Some educators think it is a bad way for students to learn. Students are loosing options for high school and college because they are bad test takers. Students should not be given state exams.

Students are failing and cannot use their day to day class work to help them graduate. According to http://www.chron.com a High School in Texas is taking standardized tests, but if they do not pass they will not graduate even if they have enough credits. This means students class work means very little compared to standardized test.

Kids are also not learning in a way that captures their attention with fun. According to http://edweek.org a group of teachers say the tests do not stress, “active learning” through exploration, and play.

Educational leaders believe that state exams give a true indication of how well students are learning, and how well a school is teaching. This is not true because a child can do really well for the whole year, but on the state exam they can get nervous and worried, and end up failing. A student earned a 33,000-dollar scholarship in my school and got an average grade on the ELA state exam. The school that accepted him saw beyond the test score and accepted an excellent student.

State exams should not be given to students in America because it does not show a student’s true intelligence. Citizens can write letters to the state about the problems with their exams, they can create petitions, or the can protest against the exam. Schools can also give children more active learning experiences. This can change the system and improve learning experiences.