**AAUW and the Common Core**

# AAUW Issues: Common Core Standards

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/common-core-standards/>

**Quick Facts on the Common Core Standards**

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/quick-facts-on-the-common-core-standards/>

**Common Core State Standards: Myths vs. Facts**

http://www.corestandards.org/about-the-standards/myths-vs-facts/

**The Common Core (3-minute) Videos:**

<[http://www.corestandards.org/video/](http://www.corestandards.org/video/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)>

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 **A New York specific video on the common core:**

 [https://www.engageny.org/resource/new-york-common-core-we-really-can-do-this](https://www.engageny.org/resource/new-york-common-core-we-really-can-do-this%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

# Common Core Critical to Preparing Students

<http://www.aauw.org/article/common-core/>

**As part of the 2014 NYS Budget, Gov. Cuomo included the**

**following provisions related to the common core:**

           • Ban standardized tests for students in kindergarten through grade two. Common Core test results will not be included on a student’s permanent record for those students in grades four through eigh; results of the tests can go to parents for “diagnostic purposes;”

  • Prohibit decisions about grade promotion to be made “solely or primarily" on Common Core test results and provides certain exemptions to the program for disabled students and those still learning to speak English;

 • Limit the amount of time teachers can prepare students for the standardized tests to 2 percent of the total classroom time in a year and require the state to provide parents with “instructional tools and outreach materials."

• Create new training programs for teachers and set up safeguards to protect against the dissemination of personal information about students.

Additionally, the budget creates a “teacher excellence fund" to award up to $20,000 in bonuses to teachers deemed “highly effective" on their teacher performance evaluations, partly determined by students’ performance on Common Core tests. The program focuses on teachers serving in schools “with the greatest academic need," among other conditions. And, high school students graduating in the top 10 percent of their class who go to a state university and major in certain STEM programs will be eligible for a new scholarship program.