

For what reason, on Earth, would you NOT want students to demonstrate "Essential Learning Skills" to receive a HS diploma?? Further, what is the 'Emergency'??? Are you bent on increasing Ignorance and Poverty???? Why??? Are you just trying to skew Oregon's dismal record for graduating??? You have a majority, there is nothing Citizens can do about it until the next election, but PLEASE use some sensibility and common sense.

Another idea would be to use the results of such tests to go back and sanction teachers that did not do an adequate job?? Graduation rates could be substantially improved by hiring teachers that make their subjects INTERESTING!!!!!!!

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