

I have been a public school teacher for 23 years. In that 23 years I have seen testing grow and grow. Of all of the testing I have seen the state mandated Kindergarten testing seems the most preposterous. As a Teacher on Special Assignment I was responsible for overseeing the administration of this test for two years. It took us three weeks to give this test. The data is something that was NEVER used. In fact we were told we were not allowed to use it so, even though this was data that teachers could have used, they were not allowed to so, they had to re-create the same tests and give them again (TO 5 YEAR OLDS!) This was a frustrating / time consuming test that took away valuable instruction time. In fact, every state test that I have given (I mostly taught 3rd and 4th grade) has been a huge suck of instruction time and the data isn't used because it's received the next school year. Let's stop this insanity and just teach our kids instead of test them until they hate school and give up.