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As a special education teacher and a parent of two children identified as "gifted", I feel I can look at this testing from all spectrums of the student population and can say without hesitation that this kind of testing is a waste of time, energy and funds for all involved.

Before you ask these children to complete this testing I believe each person voting should meet the same expectations - could you pass a chemistry or algebra II exam, I'm sure many would not. Those students that would meet proficiency in these areas are already doing so in their classrooms and this information will be documented on their transcripts. Is it really reasonable to expect all students to be proficient in these areas, is that not why we have alternative math and science classes, is it fair to ask these children to meet expectations in these classes and then say oops you can't get a graduation certificate because you didn't take chemistry or math?

Just something to think about!!!!

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