

'Students don't care' about state, NCLB tests

I'm a recent honor graduate of a Jefferson County public school, and I think I have an answer about why so many of our schools are failing to meet the requirements set by law:

Students don't care. Is that a shock? All year, every year, all we hear is so-called encouragement from teachers and faculty — "Come on, get ready for the CATS test." It gets old.

CATS scores might improve if schools focus on the students actually learning the material, instead of improving the test scores.

Schools are pushing for better test scores because they don't want their precious funding cut, and students know it. Students see schools not caring as much about them as about money, so students won't care so much for learn-

ing. Or the tests.

This is assuming teachers get to the teaching. So much class time is wasted obsessing over clothing.

I'm not talking about the students here. I'm talking about all the time teachers spend making sure students' undershirts are the correct color, that their shirts are tucked in, and that they're wearing belts of the correct color.

This is supposed to make students focus on learning instead of who's wearing what? It seems quite the opposite to me...

Maybe if teachers and faculty would stop obsessing over clothes and the ominous CATS tests, our scores would improve.

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