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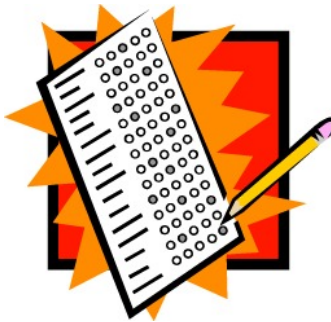
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Time to ditch the TAKS Test?

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A local education policy analyst says it's time for Texas schools to ditch the TAKS Test. Brooke Terry with the Texas Public Policy Foundation says one of the problems with the TAKS is that teachers are often found to be... teaching to the test. She says she has some ideas about the replacement for the TAKS Test. She says she recommends end-of-course exams, with open-ended questions and essay questions, should replace the TAKS.

Terry says end-of-course exams would be a better measure of student achievement and would better prepare high school students for the A-C-T, S-A-T or college. She says her idea could be getting legislative support from bills proposed by Sen. Florence Shapiro and Rep. Bob Eissler.

Information on Terry's research regarding this topic can be found at www.texaspolicy.com.

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Do you want Texas cops to have the authority to catch drunk drivers using roadblocks?

- Absolutely. Stop the drunks from killing people.
- Never. The Founding Fathers are spinning in their graves.
- Test it. Approve limited roadblocks and check the results.

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