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## U.S. Children Getting Dumber and Dumber

From [FreedomProject Media](#):

American children are getting dumb and dumber under Common Core, according to the latest results from the U.S. Department of Education's National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). And according to the results of ACT standardized tests, college-bound students are doing worse than they have ever done in the examination's history.



From the federal government, the incredible data released late last week shows that over two thirds of American children are not even reaching *basic proficiency* in reading. Eighth grade reading scores declined in more than three out of five states, the NAEP also revealed.

According to the federal study, also known as "America's Report Card," about two thirds of 8th grade students were not proficient in *any* core subject, including mathematics. The worst-performing students experienced the most significant decline in scores, too.

Some areas are even more horrifying than others. In the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for example, nine out of ten students could not reach basic proficiency in ANY core subject. In other words, despite spending around \$20,000 per pupil per year for ten years, the children are about as ignorant as can be.

In Providence, Rhode Island, less than two out of ten children are even "proficient" in reading. In Detroit, not even 10 percent of students are proficient in reading. And the trend continues downward as Americans get dumber and dumber.

"The numbers are reason for deep concern," [said](#) U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, who has been in office since the last NAEP results were released in 2017. "This country has a student achievement crisis."

Noting that more than one third of fourth graders are considered "below basic" in reading, DeVos also let the cat out of the bag.

"Let's be honest about what 'below basic' really is: they can't read," she said, without noting that even many who score above "below basic" are functionally illiterate, too. "And their scores are getting worse."

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