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## Common Core support waning and teaching preschoolers math: Midweek roundup of national education news

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As the Louisiana Legislature [debates the Common Core](#) set of national K-12 academic standards, other states' support of it could be wavering. [ChalkBeat reports](#) that Indiana might soon become the first state to pull out.

Indiana's change of heart comes as Democrats there push for a bigger pre-school program. They say the national standards wouldn't give the state freedom to create its own education policies. A more in-depth explanation of how Common Core became unpopular in Indiana can be found on ChalkBeat [here](#).

On the other end of the spectrum, [Politico reports](#) that Common Core is gaining a national champion in business leaders, as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Business Roundtable begin campaigning to silence Republican tea partiers who are against the standards.

- In early childhood education news, [The New York Times reports](#) that as New York City moves to expand its pre-school program, the city is starting to participate in a mathematics curriculum study called Building Blocks. The aim is to determine how to best teach young children math concepts.
- A [Time magazine article reports](#) that the recent changes to the SAT could have been made not with students in mind but because of competition with the ACT. The change had promised to create an SAT that more accurately assessed high school students' readiness for college.
- Lastly, the Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank based in Washington, has [released a study](#) showing that increased funding does not necessarily lead to better standardized test scores.