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The Week in Blogs



As the deadline for developing a set of [national academic standards](#) draws closer, many bloggers like [Dan Brown](#) and the [Education Optimists](#) note how the process has already been skewed by the heavy presence of testing companies like College Board and ACT and the near absence of classroom teachers; only one has a seat at the discussion table.

While we're on the topic of college entrance exams, [Jezebel](#) has an intriguing post, riffing on a recent *New York Times* magazine piece that questions the merits of SAT scores, college admission, and even literature as indicators of "aptitude," in a society that says it values academic meritocracy, but really can't provide it.

Lastly, a series of [reports](#) and [news stories](#) this week offered conflicting evidence of Education Secretary Arne Duncan's success as CEO of Chicago Public Schools, as the [Cato Institute's](#) Andrew Coulson noted. Hmm, is that fuzzy math again?

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