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Subject: OT: IQ tests & SATs

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Grr I standardized tests, SATs, things like that.

It's just a simplified way for school systems to decide whether a student is "good" or "needs special help, etc." [Notice how school systems NEVER say anything like "Poor" for bad grades, in it's place they always put "special blah blah blah"...

Maybe that's a good thing, and maybe it's a bad thing.

But just having one test to determine what colleges you can get in to and the like is just silly. I think they should start to implement a portfolio system where they look at a student's work throughout the year, rather than one quick snapshot during test time.

However, that might not be feasible because it would require hours to examine each child, and there's just not that much money going around...

ESPECIALLY with "Dubya" cutting funding to his own "No Child Left Behind" program or whatever it's called... but that's a topic for the Politics section.

All in all, the testing situation is a predicament, and I guess the school systems all just chose tests and went with them because they were the cheapest alternative.

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