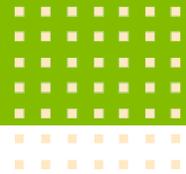




Viewpoints

# Alternative Evaluation Methods For Teachers



We have evolved in terms of what we view as acceptable teaching methods. Most educators would not disagree that providing new, alternative, or supplementary instructional approaches that demonstrate a student's knowledge are positive moves forward. But what about teachers? As school districts struggle to attract and retain qualified talent, perhaps an evaluation of the barriers to entry is in order. SB 1263 is certainly a conversation starter on what testing mechanisms are necessary to adequately assess aspiring teachers' potential.

**Senate Bill 1263, sponsored by the California Teachers Association, would do away with teaching performance assessments (TPA), which require teachers to demonstrate competence via video clips of classroom instruction, lesson plans, student work and written reflections on their practice before they can earn a preliminary teaching credential.**

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