

Is a leaner curriculum wise move?

Toronto Star 2009 Dec 5

Re Schools plan leaner lessons, Dec. 1

I've worked in the computer industry for 25 years. What I want are graduates who can think, reason, spell, use proper grammar and can compose coherent reports. I want graduates who know math, science and know and want to tackle challenging problems.

Don't neglect the basics; they are the foundation on which all subsequent learning is based. I don't want to have to explain how to compose a memo or a report, why 5 per cent off followed by another 5 per cent off is not 10 per cent off and why reading literature has merits.

Students should be challenged academically and not coddled to keep them from learning the knowledge they'll need later in their work life or their personal life.

Michael Hogan, Toronto