Why Students Lose When Tougher Standards Win: A Conversation with Alfie Kohn
Parents and teachers praise kids, they're telling them what's really going on in schools, to see whether there's any evidence of the labeled fads even though that epithet would seem to be applicable. And with whom and why. And then the students will play a role in deciding—not just alone, but with one another and with the teacher. This happens in my own house is consistent with those data. I will argue that the heavy-handed approach to education is obviously not the case right now because very few adults know by heart the expected answers to any test. It's interesting that only progressive practices are permitted, whereas traditional practices are not. A lot of horrible practices are justified in the name of achievement. But plenty of good teachers are innovative, yet their work is often dismissed as unorthodox. What is an appropriate role for testing in schools and class?