TOO MANY TESTS!

Elementary students as young as preschool will be forced to take eight standardized tests this year or more! This is up from only one mandated test five years ago and testing for high school students continues to pile up as well.

These tests are not teacher-created, but required by CPS officials.

Excessive testing crowds out real education. Students lose time for instruction and learning. Teachers say, “Let Us Teach!” and parents demand, “Stop Over Testing our Children!”

Tell CPS that students are More Than A Score!

Three things you can do TODAY:

# 1: Call or email CPS Testing Officials who want to add additional “benchmark tests” right now.
John Barker, Chief Accountability Officer • 773-553-4444 • jrbarker@cps.edu
Tell him: Our students are over tested. End standardized tests in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade. No new “Benchmark tests” and drop the excessive tests for all students. Let teachers teach and let students learn!

#2: Learn about your right to opt your child out of tests. On the back find a sample letter to do so.

#3: For more information and to get involved with other CPS parents working to reduce testing in our schools, visit: morethanascorechicago.org

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Standardized Testing Opt-Out Form

___________________________________ (date)
___________________________________ (name of school)

Dear Principal ____________________________,

I am writing to request that my child(ren) _____________________________________________

be exempted from the following standardized tests for the current school year:

**Pre-K:**
- □ KRT
- □ GOLD
- □ ELLCO
- □ CLASS

**Primary (K-2):**
- □ NWEA MPG
- □ Kids
- □ STEP
- □ mCLASS:Math
- □ TRC
- □ DIBELS/IDEL
- □ REACH Performance Tasks
- □ Benchmark Tests
- □ ACCESS

**Elementary (3-8):**
- □ NWEA MAP
- □ SAT 10

**High School:**
- □ PSAE*
- □ Explore
- □ Plan
- □ ACT practice
- □ REACH Performance Tasks
- □ NAEP
- □ Benchmark Tests

- □ ISAT*
- □ NAEP
- □ REACH Performance Tasks
- □ Benchmark Tests

*While teachers are required to administer all of the tests above, most tests are **not** required for student progress. CPS claims that tests marked with a star (*) are mandatory for student progress. It is possible that students will encounter consequences if they opt-out of these tests.

During whole class standardized testing I understand that my child(ren) will be provided with appropriate accommodations in order to engage in quiet, self-guided activity like silent reading, drawing or writing so as to not disrupt other students.

Please share this information with any impacted school personnel, including my child(ren)’s classroom teacher(s). I am happy to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

___________________________________ (print parent name)

___________________________________ (parent signature)