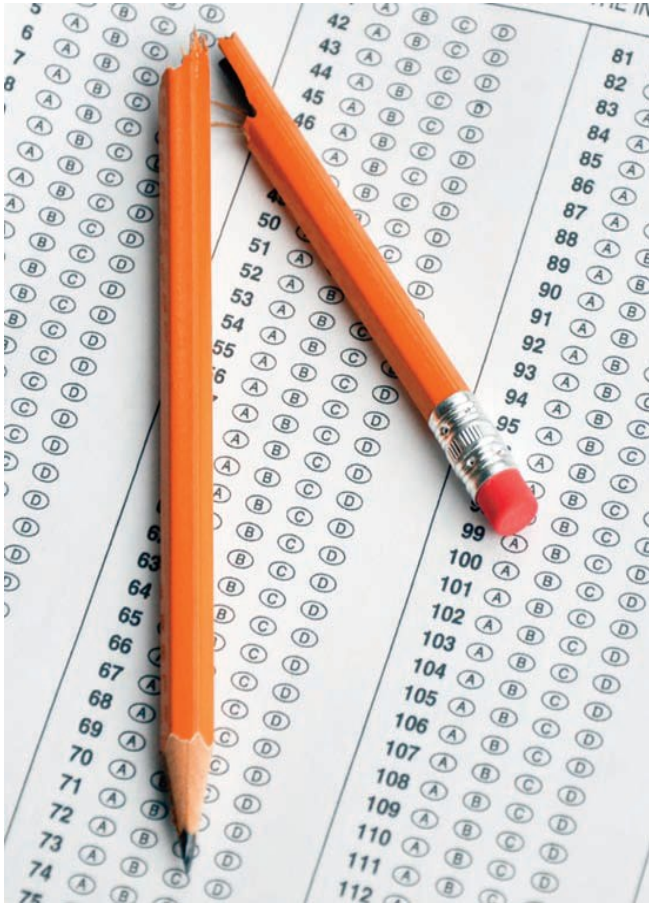


TOO MaNY TESTs!



Elementary students as young as pre-school 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.
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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: **morethanascorchicago.org**