

Your child **CAN** choose to refuse the PARCC

WHY MIGHT A PARENT NOT WANT THEIR CHILD TO TAKE THE PARCC?

Our schools are not ready for PARCC. Many schools don't have the computers or bandwidth to administer the test. The Common Core standards that PARCC tests have not been fully implemented in all schools.

PARCC isn't ready for our schools. PARCC hasn't been adequately field tested; test questions are confusing, and there is often more than one acceptable answer. The test is 10 hours for kids as young as 8.

Many elementary school students will be spending as much time taking the PARCC this year as law school graduates do taking the IL Bar Exam.

Districts, parents and teachers around the state have been begging the state board for a delay.

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has refused to listen to the pleas of communities around Illinois on this issue. Parents who don't believe this test is acceptable have the right to stand up for their children's needs and help them refuse the test.

CPS CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett said publicly that there are too many questions about PARCC to administer this year, and has asked the state and the US Department of Education for a delay.

There will be **no consequences** for any child who refuses the PARCC this year. PARCC testing this year will not be required for promotion, selective enrollment admission or graduation at CPS. Refusing this test will not hurt your child, your teacher, your school or CPS.

We need reasonable assessment that includes multiple measures. Standardized tests can't measure important educational outcomes like creativity, curiosity, leadership or compassion and should be used in moderation, and should be adequately field tested.



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