

THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WON'T TELL YOU THIS BUT . . .

THE GOVERNOR, THE STATE
EDUCATION COMMISSIONER,
THE CHANCELLOR OF THE BOARD OF
REGENTS, NYC'S PUBLIC ADVOCATE, +
THE ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL ALL AGREE:

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE THE NEW YORK STATE MATH + ELA TESTS!

WHEN YOU REFUSE THE TESTS, YOU:

- Send the message that your child deserves REAL teaching & learning, including the arts, science, social studies, field trips & sports — not test prep!
- Demand that your tax \$\$\$ go to smaller class size, supplies, counselors, nurses, and building maintenance — not for-profit testing companies.
- Question why your child should waste time on these tests — when private schools refuse to give them at all.
- JOIN THE MANY FAMILIES WHO ARE EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO OPT OUT— in some NYC schools, as many as 95% of students have refused the tests!



FOR MORE INFORMATION
optoutnyc.com

CALL/TEXT 929.341.0212

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HERE'S HOW TO OPT OUT (REFUSE):

1. Give your principal a letter stating that you "refuse" the tests on behalf of your child. Use the sample letter (other side of this page), print one from optoutnyc.com, or simply write or email your own.
2. Most schools, following Department of Education guidance, will find a place for test refusers to read, work on homework, or help out in another classroom. Follow up with the principal or your child's teacher to make sure there is a plan for your child to be meaningfully engaged during testing periods.
3. If you are told that your child **MUST** take the exams or will be punished for refusing:

1. Refer the principal to the NYC Department of Education Testing Guide (<http://bit.ly/2017DOEGuide>).

This document states:

"the principal should respect the parents' decision and let them know that the school will work to the best of their ability to provide the child with an alternate educational activity (e.g., reading) during testing times."

It also says things designed to persuade you to take the tests, but this one sentence is all that matters.

2. Contact NYC Opt Out (nycoptout@gmail.com or 929.341.0212) and your NY State Regent. If you email, cc Bronx Regent Rosa (Board of Regents Chancellor) in addition to your own Regent.

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