

THE REALITY BEHIND THE "NEW, REDUCED" CPS ASSESSMENT POLICY

For months, CPS officials and the media have repeated CPS's claim that standardized tests were reduced from **25** to **10**.*

Here's the truth.

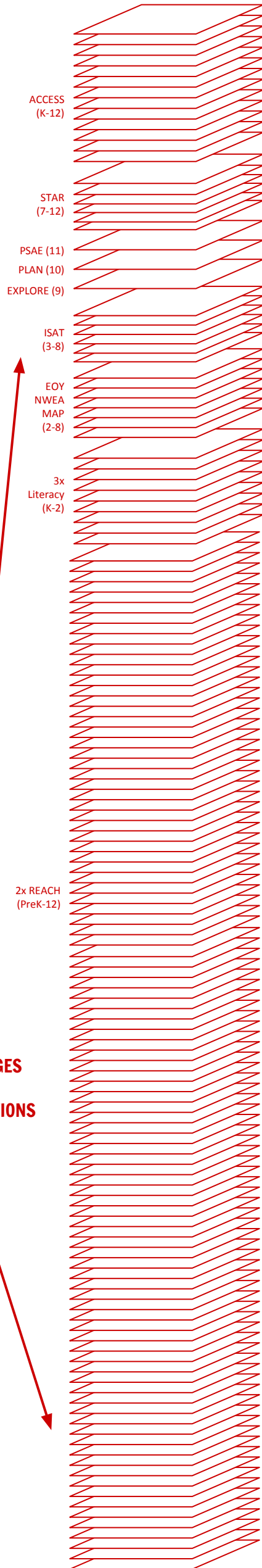
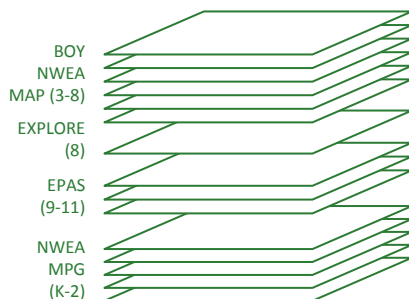
1 CLAIM: 15 tests were eliminated
REALITY: ONLY 4 tests were eliminated (=15 test administrations)

2 CLAIM: There are only 10 district-mandated standardized tests
REALITY: These 10 tests are administered *more than 150 times*

3 CLAIM: There are only 10 district-mandated standardized tests
REALITY: There are *at least 11 other* district-wide tests** being administered more than 100 times. (Three are technically optional but are administered at the vast majority of schools.) The newly required Common Core Quarterly Benchmark tasks alone compose around 60 administrations.

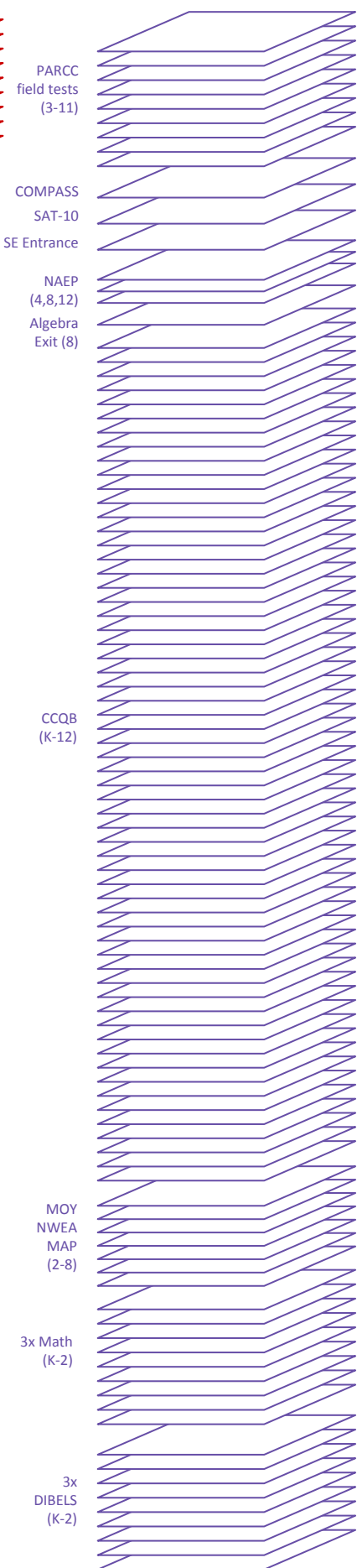
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CPS ACKNOWLEDGES 10 TESTS = 150 ADMINISTRATIONS REMAINING

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4 TESTS = 15 ADMINISTRATIONS ELIMINATED



These counts underestimate total testing taking place. Most schools use more than these 21 tests. Many elementary students take standardized tests biweekly ("progress monitoring"). In Level 3 schools CPS mandates 30 sight-word assessments for K-2, 90 administrations not even on this chart!

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AT LEAST 11 OTHER TESTS = 100+ ADMINISTRATIONS



← 2013-2014 DISTRICT-WIDE TESTS →

*http://www.cps.edu/News/Press_releases/Pages/PR1_08_07_2013.aspx
 **<http://cps.edu/Performance/Documents/CPSSY14AssessmentCalendar.pdf>