

HONEST EDUCATION ALLIANCE

One-page brief | Honest testing. Honest schools.

Every parent deserves to know what their child knows and when they know it.

Who we are

An advocacy organization that informs the public about structural problems in K-12 testing and promotes secure, independent measurement of student learning. Founded 2025 by Dr. John Jacob Cannell, MD (Friends for Education, 1987).

The problem: the Lake Wobegon Effect

In 1987, every U.S. state reported elementary students "above the national average" on commercial tests--a statistical impossibility. Confirmed by the U.S. Department of Education; covered by major national media.

The structure continues: state tests often look far better than NAEP. Examples: Mississippi reading ~75% state vs ~16% NAEP; New York City ELA ~49% state vs ~28% NAEP.

What we want

- 1) Expand NAEP to every student in grades 4, 8, and 12.
- 2) Establish an independent national testing agency with real security.

Key documents

- 2026 white paper: Thirty-Seven Years of Educational Fraud
- 1987 report: Nationally Normed Elementary Achievement Testing
- Testing Resistance Across Administrations

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