

OPT OUT?

What's in the AzMERIT assessment?

American Institutes for Research (AIR), Inc. developed and operates Arizona's Measurement of Educational Readiness to Inform Teaching (AzMERIT) assessment. AIR's mission is to conduct and apply the best behavioral and social science research and evaluation towards improving peoples' lives (<http://www.air.org/about-us>). The question every parent should ask is, "whose definition of **improve** is used on my child?" The Arizona State Board of Education's contract with AIR, Inc. and their AzMERIT assessment includes the social science research of **psychometric analyses** on our students.

What is PSYCHOMETRICS?

Psychometrics is a field of study concerned with the theory and technique of psychological measurement. One part of the field is concerned with the objective measurement of attitudes & personality traits.

Medical Definition of PSYCHOMETRICS:

1. a branch of clinical or applied psychology dealing with the use and application of mental measurement
2. the technique of mental measurements : the use of quantitative devices for assessing psychological trends

Parents Right to "Opt Out" of the AzMERIT assessments

Arizona's Revised Statute (ARS) 1-601 and 1-602 outlines that parents have the absolute right to "opt out" their child from these psychometric analyses:

1-601. Parents' rights protected

(<http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/1/00601.htm&Title=1&DocType=ARS>)

A. The liberty of parents to direct the upbringing, education, health care and mental health of their children is a fundamental right.

1-602. Parents' bill of rights; definition

(<http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/1/00602.htm&Title=1&DocType=ARS>)

A. All parental rights are reserved to a parent of a minor child without obstruction or interference from this state, any political subdivision of this state, any other governmental entity or any other institution, including:

1. The right to direct the education of the minor child.

Why your school district is wrong

The school districts are refusing or discouraging parents to "opt out" based on the former Attorney General's, Tom Horne's, opinion letter to the AZ Department of Education date December 10, 2104 (<http://www.tusd1.org/contents/distinfo/AZmerit/Documents/AGLetterAZMerit.pdf>). This opinion is wrong as it fails to consider the invasive psychometric analyses along with Arizona's constitutional provisions for parents' rights to "opt out" their child from these psychological analyses of attitudes and personality traits.

Attach this statement to your Opt Out request form letter found here: <http://www.optoutaz.org/print-opt-out-forms/>.



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