

Seeking #2 pencils

Any and all used pencils, including broken, chewed, stubby, or erasers worn to a nub.

I need over 30,000 pencils to assemble a new sculpture about education and test taking.

- Clean out your junk drawer of leftover pencils;
- Rub out memories of erasers too small for mistakes in life;
- Protest the tyranny of standardized tests.

Ask local schools, students, or teachers to help.

Share or send this email to anyone and everyone else who might like to participate and contribute pencils.

Send pencils to artist:

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If you include your name, address and email, I'll send you a card of the finished piece.

If you would like to write a comment about your experience with standardized tests, send a statement with your pencil contribution.

SMALL PRINT:

- The testing industry is calculated to be a \$400 million to \$700 million industry.
- In 2001, the New York Times reported that the U.S. Department of Education set aside \$400 million to help states develop and administer the tests that the [No Child Left Behind Act](#) mandated for children in grades 3 through 8. Among the likely benefactors of the extra funds were the four companies that dominate the testing market .
- Do you know that Educational Testing Service (ETS), best known for its administration of the SAT college-entrance exam, won a three-year, \$50 million contract in October 2001 to develop and score California's high-school exit exam?

