



Awake Illinois Parental Opt-Out Form May 1, 2026 – Chicago Public Schools “Day of Civic Action” (K-12)

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EMAIL VERSION (copy/paste below letter into email, update yellow text, and add child names)

Email Subject Line: Parental Opt-Out: May 1, 2026 “Day of Civic Action”

Dear Principal [Last Name],

I am writing as the parent/guardian of the child(ren) listed below, all currently enrolled in [Grade] / [various grades] at [School Name]. I hereby formally and unconditionally **opt my child(ren) out** of all activities associated with the Chicago Public Schools and Chicago Teachers Union (CTU Local 1) “Day of Civic Action” scheduled for **May 1, 2026**.

Child’s Full Name	Grade
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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Pursuant to the district-wide CPS-CTU agreement (publicly announced April 17, 2026), this day includes:

- Teacher-directed “civic lessons” and regional actions (approximately 9 a.m.–12 p.m.)
- Transportation via CPS-provided buses to the 1 p.m. rally/march at Union Park
- Any participation in protests, demonstrations, marches, or political advocacy related to “International Workers’ Day” / “global day of action”

My child(ren) will **NOT** participate in any of the above. I direct that each child remain at school for **regular academic instruction only**. If the school cannot provide standard classroom instruction during these periods, I request a supervised, non-participatory alternative setting with **no exposure** to May Day-related materials, discussions, or activities.

Participation in any field trip, civic event, or political activity during school hours is voluntary and requires explicit parental consent under CPS policy and Illinois law. I do **not** consent. No retaliation, pressure, or academic penalty shall occur.

Please confirm in writing **within 24 hours** that this opt-out has been received and will be honored for **each** listed child. Confirmation must include:

- The specific schedule/plan for each child on May 1
- Assurance that no May Day materials or content will be provided or discussed

I have attached for your reference:

1. CTU’s official announcement: <https://www.ctulocal1.org/posts/breaking-cps-declares-may-1-a-day-of-civic-action/>
2. CTU’s “Here’s the Plan”: <https://www.ctulocal1.org/posts/may-day-heres-the-plan/>

Thank you for respecting parental rights and prioritizing academic instruction over political activism. I look forward to your prompt written confirmation.

Sincerely,

[Your Full Name]

Parent/Guardian of the above-listed child(ren)