

New Requirement of Federal Government

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Each year every school district is required to report student data by race and ethnicity categories that are set by the federal government. The District has been informed that the Department of Education DOES NOT report individual student data to the federal government, but does report the total number of students in various categories in each school.

As a result, you are being asked to update the student data for your child. Starting with the 2010-2011 school year, all schools are required to report student data to the Department of Education using the new categories.

Please mail or return this form to your child's school. Thank you for completing this form per federal requirements.

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is to be filled out and **both questions must be answered.** Part A asks about the student's ethnicity and Part B asks about the student's race. If you decline to respond to either question, the school district is required to provide the missing information by observer identification.

Part A. Is this student Hispanic/Latino? (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.) **Choose only one.**

- No, not Hispanic/Latino**
- Yes, Hispanic/Latino**

The question above is about ethnicity, not race. No matter which answer you selected, continue and respond to the question below by marking one or more boxes to indicate what you consider this student's race to be.

Part B. What is the student's race? Choose one or more.

- American Indian or Alaska Native** (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America, including Central America, and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.)
- Asian** (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.)
- Black or African American** (A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.)
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander** (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.)
- White** (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.)