

Recording Race & Ethnicity

The race and ethnicity of students and staff in Indiana public and accredited nonpublic schools will be collected in a new way beginning in 2010.

Self-Identification—Your Choice

The identification of a student's race and ethnicity is to be primarily made by the parent or guardian. For parents/students who decline to identify, observers will fill in racial and ethnic data, using a variety of information including your family's home country (if you recently immigrated), your family customs, or the language(s) that are spoken in your home.

Identification Questions

Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic/Latino origin? Yes/No

Which of the following groups describe your race? (choose one or more)

1. American Indian or Alaskan Native
2. Asian
3. Black or African American
4. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
5. White

Race & Ethnicity Definitions

Race: A distinct human type based on inherited physical characteristics

Ethnic group: Socially distinguishable from other groups and has developed its own subculture—which can include nationality, religion, and language—and has a shared feeling of peoplehood.

Hispanic or Latino: Persons of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term "Spanish origin" may be used in addition to "Hispanic/Latino or Latino."

American Indian or Alaska Native: Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains a tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Asian: Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.

Black or African American: Persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific Islands.

White: Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North Africa.

How will the data be used?

The data will be used to:

- Ensure students receive educational services to which they are entitled
- Analyze needs of students within the school community
- Obtain more funding for educational services as appropriate

The data will **not** be used to:

- Discriminate against anyone
- Determine immigration status
- Penalize the students, parents or staff in any way

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