

Racial and Ethnic Data Collection

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. This is the first change in the way racial and ethnic data will be collected for federal agencies since 1977. Since the racial and ethnic makeup of the country has changed over time, in 1993 Congress held hearings and began a federal research effort to review the classification system. In 1997, Congress again held hearings on the classifications as part of an effort to identify any changes since the 1993 review in preparation for the 2000 Census.

Self Identification— Your Choice

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

Student Name (Please print) _____ **Grade** _____

Parent or Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Race and Ethnicity: (Note: Both Part 1 and Part 2 of the question must be answered.)

Part 1: Ethnicity

Is this individual Hispanic/Latino? (Choose only one)

- No, not Hispanic/Latino
- Yes, Hispanic/Latino (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.)
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Part 2: Race

What is the individual'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 a 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 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.