



# Student Ethnicity and Race Update

**INSTRUCTIONS:** If you are satisfied with the ethnicity and race reported for your child on the Student Verification Form, you do not need to return this form. To change the ethnicity or race information on record, you must fill in your child's information with their Seattle student ID number and complete both questions A and B below.

## Seattle Schools Student Information:

Name:

School:

Student ID number (7 digits):

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(See Student Verification Form for ID number.)

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Each year, school districts in Washington are required to report student data by ethnicity and race categories to the state's Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). Recently, the federal government and OSPI implemented new reporting categories that were developed to obtain a more accurate picture of the nation's diversity. As a result, we need to ask you to answer a two-part question, indicating ethnicity first and then *one or more* racial groups. Washington has 58 racial groups to choose from. You may select multiple ethnicities as well as multiple races.

For example, if your family is Asian you will now be able to list your child as either Chinese, Japanese, or belonging to one or more of the other Asian groups. If your family is Native American, you will be able to list your child's tribal affiliation. If one parent identifies with one race and the other parent with another, you will be able to check both races for your child.

The new race and ethnicity data will be used in the same manner as previously collected data, e.g., in reporting and analyzing test results by race and ethnicity. The information will not be used to check immigration status, and the confidentiality of individual student information will be protected.

Starting in September 2010, all public schools in Washington will start using these new categories. In order to comply, Seattle Public Schools must ask all students to re-identify their race and ethnicity.

**Please complete this form for each child, and be sure to answer both parts of the two-part question. Return the completed form to your child's school as soon as possible.**

Thank you for your cooperation in providing the needed data. Please direct any questions you may have regarding ethnicity and race to our Service Center at 252-0010 or go to the OSPI website at [www.k12.wa.us/CEDARS/CEDARSDataFormQA.aspx](http://www.k12.wa.us/CEDARS/CEDARSDataFormQA.aspx).

**A**

**Is your child of Hispanic or Latino origin?**

Not Hispanic/Latino

*If Yes, check all that apply.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Central American                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban                            | <input type="checkbox"/> South American        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dominican                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Spaniard              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latin American                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic/Latino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican/Mexican American/Chicano |  |

**B**

**What race(s) do you consider your child?**

**Check all that apply. Please circle  your primary choice.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African American/Black | <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Native           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Chehalis                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian           | <input type="checkbox"/> Colville                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cambodian              | <input type="checkbox"/> Cowlitz                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese                | <input type="checkbox"/> Hoh                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino               | <input type="checkbox"/> Jamestown               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hmong                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Kalispel                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indonesian             | <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Elwha             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese               | <input type="checkbox"/> Lummi                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korean                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Makah                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laotian                | <input type="checkbox"/> Muckleshoot             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Malaysian              | <input type="checkbox"/> Nisqually               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani              | <input type="checkbox"/> Nooksack                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Singaporean            | <input type="checkbox"/> Port Gamble Klallam     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taiwanese              | <input type="checkbox"/> Puyallup                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thai                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Quileute                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese             | <input type="checkbox"/> Quinault                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian            | <input type="checkbox"/> Samish                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sauk-Suiattle           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fijian                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoalwater              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro  | <input type="checkbox"/> Skokomish               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mariana Islander       | <input type="checkbox"/> Snoqualmie              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Melanesian             | <input type="checkbox"/> Spokane                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Micronesian            | <input type="checkbox"/> Squaxin Island          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Stillaguamish           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tongan                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Suquamish               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Swinomish               |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Tulalip                 |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yakama                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Washington Indian |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other American Indian   |