

New Race & Ethnicity Federal Guidelines

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Each year, every school district in Kansas is required to report student data by race and ethnicity categories set by the federal government to the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE). Though the KSDE does not report individual student data to the federal government, the total number of students in various categories of each school is reported. These reports help keep track of changes in student enrollments and ensure that all students receive the educational programs and services to which they are entitled.

Recently, the federal government adjusted the student data reporting categories. With the new reporting categories, you will need to update your child's data. Starting with the 2009–2010 school year, all schools in Kansas will report student data to the Kansas State Department of Education using the new categories.

If we do not receive a response from you, an employee of the district will be required to provide this information based on observation. (Note that federal regulations do not permit districts to leave the space blank.) Please contact the MCS office if you would like to check the student data currently on file for your child.

For more information about the data reporting categories, please visit the Race/Ethnicity Regulations page at the KSDE website under News/Publications. The URL address is as follows: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3370>.

Sincerely,

Scott Hulshoff
Principal – Manhattan Catholic Schools

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Student's name: _____ Grade: _____

Please answer BOTH part A and B.

Part A. **Is this student Hispanic/Latino?** (*Choose only one*)

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

The above part of the question is about ethnicity, not race. No matter what you selected above, **please continue to answer the following** by marking one or more boxes to indicate what you consider your student's (or your) 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.)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____