

To: Parents/Guardians of TCSD #1 Student
From: Pam Shea
TCSD #1 Superintendent
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Subject: Implementation of US Department of Education Race and Ethnicity Guidelines

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The US Department of Education has released new guidelines for collecting and reporting racial and ethnic data. The Wyoming Department of Education will be implementing these new guidelines for all data collections in the 2009-10 school year. In order to meet this requirement, please answer the two-part question below so that our student information system can be updated.

Student's Full Name _____

Student's School _____

There are two different parts to the question, requiring two distinct responses. The first part asks about the broad category of ethnicity, and the second part asks about the more narrow divisions of race. The first part asks the respondent to identify his or her ethnicity as a Hispanic or Latino. The second part asks the respondent to identify his or her race or races. **You must answer A and B.**

A. Ethnicity: Is your student Hispanic/Latino?

(refers to *cultural* characteristics; **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.)

B. Race: What is your student's race?

(refers to *physical* characteristics; **choose one or more**)

- American Indian or Alaska Native** (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of **North, Central and South America**, and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.); a more collective term could be **American Native**.
- 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.)

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