

Student's Full Name _____ Birthdate _____ Grade _____

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ Completed on ____/____/____

The US Department of Education strongly encourages "self-identification" of race and ethnicity rather than third party "observer identification". To bridge the previous MN codes with the new federal codes, the MN Department of Education requires us to gather and report data from both code sets beginning the 2008-09 school year. This allows individuals, for the first time, the opportunity to identify themselves as being of or belonging to more than one race and ethnicity.

Please answer the items in each of the three columns

1) Please **check only one** of the following:

- _____ **American Indian**
- _____ **Asian or Pacific Islander**
- _____ **Hispanic**
- _____ **Black, not of Hispanic origin**
- _____ **White, not of Hispanic origin**

2) In addition please **answer** the following question:

Is your ethnicity **Hispanic / Latino**?

_____ Yes _____ No

Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. "Spanish Origin" can be used in addition to "Hispanic or Latino".

3) Please **check one or more** of the following race categories:

_____ **American Indian / 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, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.

_____ **Black / African American**
A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

_____ **Native Hawaiian / 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.

***Educational institutions are required to collect & report this data. Individuals are not required to self-identify their race or ethnicity. If respondents do not provide information about their race or ethnicity, educational institutions should ensure that respondents have refused to self-identify rather than simply overlooked the questions. If adequate opportunity has been provided for respondents to self-identify and respondents still do not answer the questions, observer identification will be used. While the Department recognizes that obtaining data by observer identification is not as accurate as obtaining data through a self-identification process, places some burden on school district staff and may be contrary to the wishes of those refusing to self-identify, it is better than the alternative of having no information.