



Reporting on Race/Ethnicity Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Student's Name

Grade

Parent/ Guardian Name

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Every school district in Montana is required to report student data to the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) each year. This data includes race and ethnicity categories that are set by the federal government. The OPI does not report individual student data to the federal government but does report the total number of students in various categories in each school. These reports help track changes in student enrollments and ensure that all students receive the educational programs and services to which they are entitled.

If you would like to update the race and/or ethnicity data for your student, please complete the enclosed **Race/Ethnicity Reporting Form** and send it to your student's school by **August 22, 2023**.

If the district does not hear back from you, your child will continue to be reported based on previous data. Therefore, if the student is currently reported as American Indian, Asian, Black/African American, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander or White, the student will be designated as not Hispanic/Latino. If the student was previously reported as Hispanic (race), the new designation will be Hispanic/Latino ethnicity and White race. If these defaults are not correct, please provide the school with the accurate information by filling out and signing the enclosed form.

Please note that, as current policy requires for purposes of confidentiality, race/ethnicity data will only be reported to the federal government in groups. It will never be reported on an individual level, and it will not be reported for an individual student. If you have any questions regarding the changes to the federal and/or state race/ethnicity data reporting, or to check your student's current race/ethnicity data, please contact the main office at 635-5533.

Sincerely,
Bill Colter
Superintendent

Race/Ethnicity Reporting Form

Identify the ethnicity and race of the individual by answering BOTH questions.

Part 1.

Is the individual Hispanic or Latino?
(Choose only one)

- No, not Hispanic or Latino
- Yes, Hispanic or Latino

Part 2.

What is the individual's race?
(No matter how you answered the first question,
choose one or more races below)

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White