

North Cedar Community School District Student Race/Ethnicity Information

Dear Parent/Guardian of _____:
(Fill in your student's name)

Each year, every school district in Iowa is required to report student data by race and ethnicity to the Iowa Department of Education. Iowa must report this information to the federal government.

Recently, the federal government changed the procedure for identifying race and ethnicity. Not only do the changes allow individuals to more accurately identify themselves, but it also matches the race and ethnicity collection on all other federal reporting like the Census. Because of the new reporting categories for race and ethnicity, you will need to update your child's data. Starting with the 2009-10 school year, all schools in Iowa are to report student data to the Iowa Department of Education using the new categories. Please take a moment and answer the questions below:

Two-Part Question for Students

Part A. Is this student Hispanic/Latino? (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.)

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 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.)