

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Federal agencies have been working to implement the regulations adopted by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget since 1997, and the Department of Education is among the last to finalize adoption, making education data consistent with the Census data and other national data sets. Specifically, the major issue the federal government is trying to clear up is the distinction between race and ethnicity. The change will allow individuals the opportunity to select multiple races to more fully describe their heritage.

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.

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*Note: Both Part A and Part B of the question must be answered*

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 question is about ethnicity, not race or ancestry. No matter what you selected above, **please answer the question below** by marking one or more boxes to indicate your student's race or races.

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 America, including Mexico, and South and 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 the peoples of 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.

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>

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_