

Change in Federal  
Data Collection and Reporting Requirements  
for Student Race/Ethnicity

Effective: 2010-11 School Year

Data Collection Requirements (Student Data Sheet)							Data Reporting Requirements		OLD CATEGORIES
QUESTION 1. ETHNICITY (check one)		QUESTION 2. RACE (check all that apply)					Interpreting Collected Data for Reporting Purposes		
2 categories		5 categories					7 categories		
Hispanic or Latino	NOT Hispanic or Latino	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White	Reporting Race/Ethnicity Category	Programming/Coding	
Y		Any combination of one or more RACE categories - Example					Hispanic or Latino	If Hispanic/Latino ETHNICITY is checked, and if one or more RACE categories are checked, Then <b>Hispanic or Latino</b> Category	HISP (Hispanic)
	Y	Y					American Indian or Alaska Native	If NOT Hispanic/Latino ETHNICITY is checked, and if American Indian or Alaska Native RACE is checked, Then <b>American Indian or Alaska Native</b> Category	AMIN (American Indian)
	Y		Y				Asian	If NOT Hispanic/Latino ETHNICITY is checked, and if Asian RACE is checked, Then <b>Asian</b> Category	ASIA (Asian)
	Y			Y			Black or African American	If NOT Hispanic/Latino ETHNICITY is checked, and if Black or African American RACE is checked, Then <b>Black or African American</b> Category	BLCK (Black)
	Y				Y		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	If NOT Hispanic/Latino ETHNICITY is checked, and if Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander RACE is checked, Then <b>Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander</b> Category	NEW (Included in Asian category prior to 2010)
	Y					Y	White	If NOT Hispanic/Latino ETHNICITY is checked, and if White RACE is checked, Then <b>White</b> Category	WHTE (White)
	Y	Any combination of TWO or more RACE categories - Example					Two or more races	If NOT Hispanic/Latino ETHNICITY is checked, and if two or more RACE categories are checked, Then <b>Two or more races</b> Category	MULT (Multi-Racial)

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[http://www.wcpss.net/announcements/archives/2010/11/new\\_demographic.html](http://www.wcpss.net/announcements/archives/2010/11/new_demographic.html)

**New Demographic Information for the 2010-11 School Year**

The WCPSS [Growth and Planning Department](#) has released details about the demographic makeup of our student body as of the 20th day of the 2010-11 school year.

[School-by-school enrollment by race, ethnicity and gender](#)

[School-by-school enrollment by race and ethnicity for new students only](#)

[Combined enrollment by school level \(elementary, middle, high, special\) by race, ethnicity and gender](#)

[Combined enrollment by grade level \(K-12\) by race and ethnicity](#)

[System comparison between 2009 and 2010](#)

This is the first year that WCPSS is reporting demographic data following the Census Bureau-driven changes in how we collect it, which we covered in a [January 2010 ParentVision video podcast](#). There's also a [comprehensive resource on those federal changes](#) at our Demographics website.

**UPDATE:** Director of demographics Maja Vouk adds some detail to the changes in reporting data and this year's enrollment:

WCPSS is now in compliance with October 2007 guidance published by the US Department of Education (USED) requiring that all states must implement new standards for race/ethnicity data collection and reporting by school year 2010-11.

Meeting these new standards required local education agencies and charter schools to use a new set of codes. To ensure that WCPSS complies within the time frame and be consistent in their implementation, the federally mandated Race-Ethnicity Re-Identification Survey was successfully conducted in February and completed in June 2010 for all current 2009-10 students, grades Pre-K to 11.

For example, **Multi-Racial** students can now identify the different parts of their heritage, **Hispanic or Latino** ethnicity is now treated separately from racial background, and the former "**Asian or Pacific Islander**" category has been split into two categories to distinguish students of Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander race.

A slight shift in WCPSS demographics, as a result of the student re-identification survey, is consistent with the overall WCPSS race-ethnicity trends, as well as state and national trends.

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