

Considerations for Districts in Collecting Student Race and Ethnicity

All public schools and districts in Washington State are required to collect student race and ethnicity data and report their findings to OSPI annually. OSPI has collected these data in [CEDARS](#) since 2009, with changes along the way as required by state and federal changes. OSPI summarizes race and ethnicity data in public reports such as the [State Report Card](#), in response to requests from the Legislature, and in annual reports to the U.S. Department of Education (Dept).

The Dept requires states to collect and report race and ethnicity information consistent with federal statistical standards.¹ When reporting under these standards, OSPI aggregates race and ethnicity data in the following categories:

Federal Race and Ethnicity Categories:

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Two or more races
- White

Beginning in the 2018-19 school year, OSPI has collected detailed race and ethnicity categories, guided by the work of the [Race and Ethnicity Student Data Task Force](#), as authorized by 4SHB 1541 Sec 502.² The Task Force created the list of detailed categories based on research, its internal discussions, and feedback from community members through focus groups, surveys, and community forums. Collecting data in such detail provides a more informative summary of where opportunity gaps exist.

¹ Standards are set by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget in Directive No. 15 - Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity. These are used by the U.S. Census and other federal agencies.

² The Race and Ethnicity Student Data Task Force was established to develop guidance for student race and ethnicity data collection in Washington State.



When collecting race and ethnicity from students and families, OSPI encourages districts to present options in such a way that makes clear the relationship between the detailed categories and federal categories. Districts may present these visually using checkboxes, drop-down menus, concatenation, nesting, or other methods. (See **Example** below.)

While meeting reporting requirements, districts may customize or adapt the collection in a way that works for their communities. This includes –

- opportunities for ‘write-in’ additional responses,
- a selection to ‘show all options’,
- providing students and families the opportunity to update or change selections, for example annually,
- summarizing the federal category, and
- providing a letter to families explaining the collection.

Example: Race and Ethnicity Collection

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Ethnicity

Check all that apply and use write-in, as needed.

Hispanic/Latino

Check all that apply and use write-in, as needed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Argentine | <input type="checkbox"/> Ecuadorian | <input type="checkbox"/> Paraguayan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bolivian | <input type="checkbox"/> Guatemalan | <input type="checkbox"/> Peruvian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brazilian | <input type="checkbox"/> Guyanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicano (Mexican American) | <input type="checkbox"/> Honduran | <input type="checkbox"/> Salvadoran |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chilean | <input type="checkbox"/> Jamaican | <input type="checkbox"/> Spaniard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican | <input type="checkbox"/> Surinamese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costa Rican | <input type="checkbox"/> Mestizo | <input type="checkbox"/> Uruguayan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cuban | <input type="checkbox"/> Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Venezuelan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dominican | <input type="checkbox"/> Nicaraguan | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Panamanian | |

Hispanic/Latino Write In: Click or tap here to enter text.

Not Hispanic/Latino

Race

Check all that apply and use write-in, as needed.

American Indian/Alaskan Native

Check all that apply and use write-in, as needed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinook Tribe | <input type="checkbox"/> Kalispel Indian Community of the Kalispel Reservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Muckleshoot Indian Tribe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> Kikiallus Indian Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> Nisqually Indian Tribe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Elwha Tribal Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Nooksack Indian Tribe of Washington |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cowlitz Indian Tribe | <input type="checkbox"/> Makah Indian Tribe of the Makah Indian Reservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Puyallup Tribe of Puyallup Reservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Duwamish Tribe | <input type="checkbox"/> Marietta Band of Nooksack Tribe | <input type="checkbox"/> Quileute Tribe of the Quileute Reservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hoh Indian Tribe | | <input type="checkbox"/> Quinault Indian Nation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe | | <input type="checkbox"/> Samish Indian Nation |

- Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe of Washington
- Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe of the Shoalwater Bay Indian Reservation
- Skokomish Indian Tribe
- Snohomish Tribe
- Snoqualmie Indian Tribe
- Snoqualmoo Tribe

- Spokane Tribe of the Spokane Reservation
- Squaxin Island Tribe of the Squaxin Island Reservation
- Steilacoom Tribe
- Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington

- Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- Tulalip Tribes of Washington

- Alaskan Native Write in: Click or tap here to enter text.
- American Indian Write in: Click or tap here to enter text.

Asian

Check all that apply and use write-in, as needed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Indian | <input type="checkbox"/> Indonesian | <input type="checkbox"/> Pakistani |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bangladeshi | <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Punjabi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bhutanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Korean | <input type="checkbox"/> Singaporean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burmese/Myanmar | <input type="checkbox"/> Lao | <input type="checkbox"/> Sri Lankan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cambodian/Khmer | <input type="checkbox"/> Malaysian | <input type="checkbox"/> Taiwanese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cham | <input type="checkbox"/> Mien | <input type="checkbox"/> Thai |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese | <input type="checkbox"/> Mongolian | <input type="checkbox"/> Tibetan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> Nepali | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hmong | <input type="checkbox"/> Okinawan | |

- Asian Write in: Click or tap here to enter text.

Black/African American

Check all that apply and use write-in, as needed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African American | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African Canadian | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angolan | <input type="checkbox"/> Bissau-Guinean | <input type="checkbox"/> Caymanian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anguillan | <input type="checkbox"/> Bolivian | <input type="checkbox"/> Central African |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antiguan | <input type="checkbox"/> Botswanan | <input type="checkbox"/> Chadian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Argentine | <input type="checkbox"/> Brazilian | <input type="checkbox"/> Chilean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bahamian | <input type="checkbox"/> British Virgin Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Colombian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barbadian | <input type="checkbox"/> Burkinabé (Burkina Faso) | <input type="checkbox"/> Comoran |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barthélemois | <input type="checkbox"/> Burundian | <input type="checkbox"/> Congolese (Democratic Republic of the Congo) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belizean | <input type="checkbox"/> Cabo Verdean | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beninese | <input type="checkbox"/> Cameroonian | |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Congolese (Republic of the Congo) | <input type="checkbox"/> Jamaican | <input type="checkbox"/> Reunionese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Costa Rican | <input type="checkbox"/> Kenyan | <input type="checkbox"/> Rwandan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cuba Dominican | <input type="checkbox"/> Liberian | <input type="checkbox"/> Saint Helenian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Djiboutian | <input type="checkbox"/> Mahoran (Mayotte) | <input type="checkbox"/> São Tomèan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dominican Republic | <input type="checkbox"/> Malagasy (Madagascar) | <input type="checkbox"/> Senegalese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dutch Antillean | <input type="checkbox"/> Malawian | <input type="checkbox"/> Seychellois |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecuadorian | <input type="checkbox"/> Malian | <input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Leonean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> El Salvadoran | <input type="checkbox"/> Martiniquais | <input type="checkbox"/> Somali |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equatorial Guinean | <input type="checkbox"/> Mauritanian | <input type="checkbox"/> South African |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eritrean | <input type="checkbox"/> Mauritian (Mauritius) | <input type="checkbox"/> South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethiopian | <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican | <input type="checkbox"/> South Sudanese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Falkland Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Montserratian | <input type="checkbox"/> Sudanese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> French Guianese | <input type="checkbox"/> Mosotho (Lesotho) | <input type="checkbox"/> Surinamese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gabonese | <input type="checkbox"/> Mozambican | <input type="checkbox"/> Swazi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gambian | <input type="checkbox"/> Namibian | <input type="checkbox"/> Tanzanian (United Republic of Tanzania) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ghanaian | <input type="checkbox"/> Nicaraguan | <input type="checkbox"/> Togolese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grenadian | <input type="checkbox"/> Nigerian (Nigeria) | <input type="checkbox"/> Ugandan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guadeloupian | <input type="checkbox"/> Nigerien (Niger) | <input type="checkbox"/> Uruguayan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guatemalan | <input type="checkbox"/> Panamanian | <input type="checkbox"/> Venezuelan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guyanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Paraguayan | <input type="checkbox"/> Zambian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Haitian | <input type="checkbox"/> Peruvian | <input type="checkbox"/> Zimbabwean |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honduran | <input type="checkbox"/> Principe | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ivorian (Cote d'Ivoire) | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican | |

- Caribbean Write in: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Central African Write in: Click or tap here to enter text.
- East African Write in: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Latin American Write in: Click or tap here to enter text.
- South African Write in: Click or tap here to enter text.
- West African Write in: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Black Write in: Click or tap here to enter text.

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

Check all that apply and use write-in, as needed

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Carolinian | <input type="checkbox"/> Marshallese | <input type="checkbox"/> Solomon Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chamorro | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahitian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chuukese | <input type="checkbox"/> Ni-Vanuatu | <input type="checkbox"/> Tokelauan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fijian | <input type="checkbox"/> Palauan | <input type="checkbox"/> Tongan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> i-Kiribati/Gilbertese | <input type="checkbox"/> Papuan | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuvaluan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kosraean | <input type="checkbox"/> Pohpeian | <input type="checkbox"/> Yapese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maori | <input type="checkbox"/> Samoan | |

Pacific Islander Write in: Click or tap here to enter text.

White

Check all that apply and use write-in, as needed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Algerian | <input type="checkbox"/> Emirati | <input type="checkbox"/> Omani |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amazigh or Berber | <input type="checkbox"/> Herzegovinian | <input type="checkbox"/> Palestinian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arab or Arabic | <input type="checkbox"/> Iranian | <input type="checkbox"/> Polish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assyrian | <input type="checkbox"/> Iraqi | <input type="checkbox"/> Qatari |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bahraini | <input type="checkbox"/> Israeli | <input type="checkbox"/> Romanian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bedouin | <input type="checkbox"/> Jordanian | <input type="checkbox"/> Russian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bosnian | <input type="checkbox"/> Kurdish | <input type="checkbox"/> Saudi Arabian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chaldean | <input type="checkbox"/> Kuwaiti | <input type="checkbox"/> Syrian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copt | <input type="checkbox"/> Lebanese | <input type="checkbox"/> Tunisian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Druze | <input type="checkbox"/> Libyan | <input type="checkbox"/> Ukrainian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Egyptian | <input type="checkbox"/> Moroccan | <input type="checkbox"/> Yemeni |

Eastern European Write in: Click or tap here to enter text.

Middle Eastern Write in: Click or tap here to enter text.

North African Write in: Click or tap here to enter text.

White Write in: Click or tap here to enter text.