



ST. PETER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you about guidelines from the U. S. Department of Education regarding the collection of data on race and ethnicity for public and private school students and staff. The federal government, which requires all states to collect this information, has developed a new way to report ethnicity and race that includes new categories.

The federal government has developed these new categories in order to provide a more accurate picture of the ethnic and racial diversity of the nation. This will enable individuals to be identified in ethnic and racial classifications and in more than one racial category. In the past, forms allowed individuals to be identified in only one racial category.

Currently, we ask families to provide information on students' race and ethnicity at the time of registration. Once again this school year we will ask the families of newly enrolled students AND all re-enrolled students to complete the brief form to update information on their children's ethnicity and race.

The data with the new ethnicity and race categories will be used in the same manner that such information is currently used. For example, the federal government uses racial and ethnic data in reporting and analyzing standardized test results.

Please complete the form below and return to the school office on the first day of school,
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

Sincerely,

Joan Sickinger
Principal

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(Full Name of Student)

(Date of Birth)

(School)

(Grade)

What is this student's ethnicity? (Please choose one)

Hispanic or Latino

Not Hispanic or Latino

What is this student's race? (Please choose one or more)

Multi-Racial

American Indian/Alaska Native Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White