

Springdale Public Schools

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Every school district in Arkansas is required to report to the Arkansas Department of Education each year student data with race and ethnicity categories that are set by the federal government. These reports help us to keep track of changes in student enrollments and ensure that all students receive the educational programs and services to which they are entitled. Starting in the 2009-2010 school year, all schools will be required to report to the ADE using these new categories

The federal government recently changed the reporting categories for student race data. As a result you have the opportunity to update the student data on your child, if you wish to do so. With the new reporting categories you may now identify your child by ethnic group (either Hispanic/Latino or non-Hispanic/Latino) and by one or more racial groups.

The list at the bottom of the page gives a description of each of the ethnic and racial groups that you may select from.

Please contact your child's school if you have any questions or would like to check the student data currently on file.

Please check all that apply:

- ☐ **Hispanic or Latino** (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.)
- ☐ **American Indian or Alaska Native** (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America).)
- ☐ **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, Marshall Islands, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.)
- ☐ **White** (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East or North America.)