



COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
STUDENT RACIAL AND ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION



All students between 5 and 21 years of age have the right to a free public education. Children may not be refused admission because of race, color, creed or national origin, sex, citizenship, handicapping condition, or immigration status.

English Only

Name of School:

School District Student Identification Number:

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year):
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Student Name: Last, First, Middle:

Grade Level:

DIRECTIONS TO PARENT/GUARDIAN

PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS (1) and (2). PLEASE READ THEM BEFORE YOU RESPOND. [For question (1) Check (√) the box that best describes your child.] Check (√) only ONE box.

1. Is the student Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish origin? Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish origin means a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

- YES, Hispanic
- NO. not Hispanic

2. Select one or more races from the following five racial groups [For question (2) Check (√) all groups that apply to your child; check (√) at least ONE box.]:

- AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition. e.g. Cherokee, Mohawk, Inuit.
- 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.
- NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.
- BLACK: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa
- WHITE: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Other

Date

Relationship to Student (please check one box below):

- Mother
- Father
- Guardian
- Other (Specify): _____

See reverse for important message to
Parents/Guardians and Confidentiality Procedures and
Regulations.



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To the Parent/Guardian: The *COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT* has adopted a policy which requires the collection and recording of the ethnic identity of students in the *COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT* in accordance with the federal categories and definitions. The information will be used to:

- Report information to the State and federal Education Departments.
- Plan educational programs and make sure that they are readily available to all students.
- Study the movement of students in different ethnic groups as they move from school to school.
- Analyze differences in academic performance, attendance and completion of school.

We need your help in order to accomplish this task. Please review the Racial/Ethnic definitions on the back of this page. Put a check (✓) in the box for the category or categories which best describe your child. The *COHOES CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT* understands the sensitive nature of this information and wishes to assure you that it will be kept secure and confidential in accordance with all State and federal student privacy laws and regulations. If the information requested is not provided on this form on behalf of your child, a student records officer from the school or district will be required to identify the group to which the student appears to belong, identifies with, or is regarded in the community as belonging. Thank you for your cooperation.

CONFIDENTIALITY PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

To School Staff: This form will be filed in the student's permanent record as confidential information

To the Parent/Guardian: The information which you have provided on this form is confidential. It is protected by the Confidentiality Regulations cited below.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (1974) prohibits unauthorized access to student records and unauthorized release of any student record information identifiable by either student name or student identification number

Please complete the form on the reverse side of this page