



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Eric G. Mackey, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

March 6, 2025

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Eric G. Mackey *EGM*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Updates to Race Data Collection Beginning With the 2025-2026 School Year

In compliance with federal requirements for updating race data collection in federally reported information, the Alabama State Department of Education will implement updates to the race section of demographic data for both students and staff, effective with the 2025-2026 school year.

These changes will be reflected in the **July State Reporting Release, in the Student Information System**, enabling districts to code accordingly. To ensure a smooth transition, districts should begin planning now to update registration forms for new and returning students in preparation for the upcoming school year.

The following updates will be implemented:

1. **Hispanic** will no longer be collected as a separate ethnicity question and will instead be included as a race/ethnicity option.
2. **A new race category, Middle Eastern or North African**, will be added for selection.
3. The **“Two or More Races”** option will be removed. Students selecting multiple races will now have each individual race recorded separately in their demographic data.

Attached you will find the updated enrollment and race documents to use for student registration. By fall of 2025, data collection on all students must have the updated race changes made as part of their student record. All students currently coded with “Two or More Races” must have individual races recorded before fall 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Stacy Royster at stacy.royster@alsde.edu or by telephone at 334-694-4972.

EGM:SR:RH

Attachments

cc: Data Managers
Federal Program Coordinators
Mrs. Stacy Royster

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ALABAMA APPLICATION FOR STUDENT ENROLLMENT

PLEASE PRINT

Must be completed by Parent/Legal Guardian

PLEASE PRINT

DATE _____ SCHOOL _____ GRADE _____

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ MIDDLE NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ SEX-CIRCLE ONE: MALE FEMALE HOME PHONE _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

STUDENT LIVES WITH – CIRCLE ONE PARENTS MOTHER FATHER GUARDIAN: RELATION _____

PARENT(S) / GUARDIAN (verification shall be in accordance with local school board policy)

MOTHER/GUARDIAN _____	Address _____
Email Address _____	Cell Phone _____
EMPLOYER _____	Work Phone _____

FATHER/GUARDIAN _____	Address _____
Email Address _____	Cell Phone _____
EMPLOYER _____	Work Phone _____

SPECIAL INFORMATION ABOUT CUSTODY _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: (PLEASE LIST NUMBERS OTHER THAN YOUR OWN)

EMERGENCY #1
CONTACT _____
Relation _____ Phone _____

EMERGENCY #2
CONTACT _____
Relation _____ Phone _____

THESE PEOPLE HAVE PERMISSION TO CHECK MY CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL (In accordance with school system check-out procedures)		
1. _____	Relation _____	Phone _____
2. _____	Relation _____	Phone _____
3. _____	Relation _____	Phone _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST SCHOOL ATTENDED: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

RACE AND/OR ETHNICITY

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

What is the student's race and/or ethnicity? SELECT ALL THAT APPLY:

AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE

For example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc.

ASIAN

For example, Chinese, Asian Indian, Filipino, Vietnamese, Korean, Japanese, etc.

BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN

For example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somali, etc.

HISPANIC OR LATINO

For example, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Salvadoran, Cuban, Dominican, Guatemalan, etc.

MIDDLE EASTERN OR NORTH AFRICAN

For example, Lebanese, Iranian, Egyptian, Syrian, Iraqi, Israeli, etc.

NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER

For example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc.

WHITE

For example, English, German, Irish, Italian, Polish, Scottish, etc.

Office use only:

Race – Choose one or more:

_____ American Indian or Alaska Native

_____ Asian

_____ Black or African American

_____ Hispanic or Latino

_____ Middle Eastern or North African

_____ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

_____ White

Date:

Staff Signature: