

## New Reporting Requirements for Race/Ethnicity Effective FY 2010

(Applies to student and staff data)

In October 2007, U.S. Department of Education issued final guidance for the collection and reporting of racial and ethnic data. The U.S. Department of Education requires that the revised standards are implemented by the fall of 2010. To ensure Georgia's compliance with federal requirements, all data collections will be modified to begin collecting the race/ethnicity data in the new format in fiscal year 2010. An overview of the changes is listed below:

- The race/ethnicity of an individual shall be collected in a two part format that specifies (1) whether or not the individual is of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity and (2) allows the individual to select one or more races from the five racial categories. The racial categories are American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and White.
- Individuals shall have the opportunity to identify themselves as being of or belonging to more than one race.
- The existing "Asian or Pacific Islander" racial category shall be separated into two separate categories. The new racial categories are "Asian" and "Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander."

Note: No changes have been made to the American Indian or Alaska Native, Black or African American, and White racial categories.

Accurate reporting of this data will require all districts to resurvey students using the following definitions for race and ethnicity.

- Ethnicity – Is the individual of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity?
  - *Hispanic or Latino*  
A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term "Spanish Origin" can be used in addition to "Hispanic/Latino or Latino."
- Race – Indicate one or more of the following race indicators. Check all that apply.
  - American Indian or Alaska Native  
A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), who maintains a tribal affiliation or community attachment.
  - *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 original peoples 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, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands
  - *White*  
A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa