

## Guidance in Determining Ethnicity and Race

The following charts are from *“Managing an Identity Crisis”, Forum Guide to Implementing New Federal Race and Ethnicity Categories by the National Forum on Education Statistics* and may help parents/guardians choose the ethnicity and race of their children.

### First Question – Is the person of Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity?

A person may be Hispanic or Latino if they are from one of the following ancestry groups:

Spaniard	Andalusian	Asturian	Castillian
Balearic Islander	Gallego	Valencian	Canary Islander
Mexican American	Mexicano	Chicano	La Raza
Mexican State	Costa Rican	Guatemalan	Honduran
Panamanian	Salvadoran	Central American	Canal Zone
Bolivian	Chilean	Colombian	Ecuadorian
Peruvian	Uruguayan	Venezuelan	Criollo
Latin American	Latino	Puerto Rican	Dominican
Spanish	Californio	Tejano	Nuevo Mexicano
Catalonian	Mexican	American Indian	Nicaraguan
Argentinean	Paraguayan	South American	Hispanic
Spanish American			

**Second Question – Identify at least one race regardless of the answer to the first question. Multiple races may be selected.** The following chart may help connect the geographic or national origin of a person with race as defined in the federal guidelines. However, race does not have to be determined by country of origin.

IF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERS HIM- OR HERSELF TO BE:	...OR COMES FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES OR REGIONS:	...AND ASSUMING SINGLE-RACE, THE INDIVIDUAL MAY BE IDENTIFIED AS:
European American	<i>Northern Europe</i> such as: Britain (Scotland, Ireland, Wales) Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Sweden <i>Western Europe</i> such as: Belgium, France, Holland, Luxembourg <i>Central Europe</i> such as: Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Switzerland <i>Eastern Europe</i> such as: Belarus, Bulgaria, Romania, Russia, Ukraine <i>Southern Europe</i> such as: Bosnia, Catalonia, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Macedonia, Malta, Montenegro, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain <i>Other</i> such as: Caucasus, Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan	White
Middle Eastern American	Afghanistan, Egypt, Israel, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Yemen	White
North African American	Algeria, Egypt, Morocco	White
Black, African American, Afro-American	Bahamas, Barbados, Botswana, Ethiopia, Haiti, Jamaica, Liberia, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Nigriti, South Africa, Sudan, Tobago, Trinidad, West Indies, Zaire	Black
Asian American	Asian Indian, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, Cambodia, China, Taiwan, Philippines, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Okinawa, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam; or ancestry groups such as Hmong, Mongolians, Iwo Jiman, Maldivian	Asian
Pacific Islander	Caroline Islands, Fiji, Guam, Hawaiian Islands, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Polynesia, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Tarawa Islands, Tonga	Pacific Islander
Australian or New Zealander – not an indigenous person	Australia, New Zealand	White
Aborigine, Indigenous Australian, Torres Straits Islander, Melanesian	Australia, New Zealand, Torres Straits Islands	Pacific Islander

**Native language may also be a useful indicator of race and ethnicity. Of the more than 5,000 languages and dialects spoken in the world, following are the ten most common and their probable “race/ethnicity designations:**

IF AN INDIVIDUAL'S NATIVE OR HOME LANGUAGE IS:	HE/SHE IS LIKELY:	THEREFORE...
Chinese	Asian	
Hindi(India)	Asian	
English	White	Check “country of birth or origin” (as the language is also used in U.S. Virgin Islands)
Spanish	Hispanic, with one or more of any racial categories	Check “country of birth or origin”
Bengali (India and Bangladesh)	Asian	
Portuguese	White, Black, or Asian. <i>Note that Portuguese-speaking groups are not considered Hispanic.</i>	Check “country of birth or origin” (as the language is used in South American countries such as Brazil, Asian countries such as Macao, or the Caribbean)
Russian	White	
Japanese	Asian	
German	White, some could be Hispanic in ethnicity	Check “country of birth or origin” (as the language is spoken by a few in South America and South Africa)
Korean	Asian	

**The following list of American Indian and Alaskan Native tribes may also assist parents in determining race:**

American Indian Tribes				
Abenaki	Algonquian	Apache	Arapahoe	Arikara
Assiniboine	Assiniboine Sioux	Bannock	Blackfeet	Brotherton
Burt Lake Band	Caddo	Cahuilla	California Tribes	Canadian and Latin
Catawba	Cayuse	Chehalis	Chemakuan	American
Cherokee	Cherokee Shawnee	Cheyenne	Cheyenne-Arapaho	Chemehuevi
Chickasaw	Chinook	Chippewa	Chippewa Cree	Chickahominy
Choctaw	Choctaw-Apache	Chumash	Clear Lake	Chitimacha
Coharie	Colorado River Indian	Colville	Comanche	Coeur D'Alene
Coos	Coquille	Costanoan	Coushatta	Coos, Lower Umpqua, and
Cree	Creek	Croatian	Crow	Siuslaw
Cupeno	Delaware	Diegueno	Eastern Tribes	Cowlitz
Fort Belknap	Three Affiliated Tribes of North	Fort McDowell	Fort Hall	Cumberland
Grand Ronde	Dakota	Gros Ventres	Haliwa-Saponi	Esselen
Hoopa	Guilford	Indians of Person	Iroquois	Gabrieleno
Kalispel	Hoopa Extension	County	Kickapoo apoo	Hidatsa
S'Klallam	Karuk	Kaw	Kootenai	Juaneno (Acjachemem)
Long Island	Klamath	Konkow	Lummi	Kiowa
Makah	Luiseno	Lumbee	Mattaponi	Lassik
Metrolina	Maliseet	Mandan	Micmac	Maidu
Miwok	Miami	Miccosukee	Mohegan	Menominee
Miwok	Me-Wuk	Modoc	Mohegan	Mission Indians
Mono	Me-Wuk	Modoc	Narragansett	Monacan
Nez Perce	Nanticoke	Nanticoke Lenni-	Northwest Tribes	Monacan
Oneida Tribe	Nipmuc	Lenape	Ottawa	Navajo
Pamunkey	Oregon Athabaskan	Nomlaki	Penobscot	Omaha
Pequot	Passamaquoddy	Otoe-Missouria	Pit River	Paiute
Pomo	Pima	Pawnee	Powhatan	Peoria
Puget Sound	Ponca	Piscataway	Rappahannock	Pomo and Pit River Indians
Salish	Quapaw	Potawatomi	Salish	Pueblo
Round Valley	Sac and Fox	Quinault	Shasta	Reno-Sparks
Schaghticoke	Seminole	Salinan	Te-Moak Tribes of	Salish and Kootenai
Shinnecock	Shoalwater Bay	Serrano	Western	Shawnee
Paiute-Shoshone	Siletz	Shoshone	Spokane	Shoshone Indians of Nevada
Tohono	Tolowa	Siuslaw	Trinidad	Stockbridge-Munsee
O'Odham	Umpqua	Tonkawa	Walla-Walla	Tygh
Umatilla	Wascopum	Wailaki	Wichita	Wampanoag
Warm Springs	Wintun	Washoe	Wiyot	Wind River
Winnebago	Yaqui	Wintun-Wailaki	Yokuts	Yakama
Yakama Cowlitz	Yurok	Yavapai Apache		Yuchi
Yuman				

**Alaskan Native Tribes**

Alaska Native	Alaska Indian Tribes	Alaska Indian	Alaska Native	Alaskan Athabascans
Tlingit-Haida	Tsimshian	Sealaska	Southeast Alaska	Eskimo Tribes
Greenland	Inuit	Inupiat Eskimo	Siberian Eskimo	Cupiks Eskimo
Eskimo	Aleut Tribes	Aleut	Alutiiq Aleut	Bristol Bay Aleut
Yup'ik	Eyak	Koniag Aleut	Sugpiaq	Suqpiq
Chugach Aleut				
Unangan Aleut				