

Selecting an Ethnicity

If, in prior records, an individual has indicated that he or she was Hispanic, then the ethnicity question is answered. Your job is to observe and select a racial category. Many Hispanic individuals consider “Hispanic” as their race (partly due to past experience of using this as if it were a racial category). They may look for “Hispanic” or “some other race” in the race question. When they do not find it, they leave it blank. Following up might be all that is needed to collect the information directly from the student or parent.

A student may volunteer his or her ancestry rather than answering “yes” to the Hispanic/Latino ethnicity question. The following is a list of Hispanic ancestry groups to which Hispanic individuals may refer themselves:

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

Selecting a Race

In general, the new federal requirements conflate race and geographic/national origin. For example, “White” is defined to include people who originate from Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa. Though not an exhaustive list, the following chart may help in connecting geographic/national origin with a race, as defined in the *Guidance*:

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 Hmongs, 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