Guidance on Race/Ethnicity
Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Race/Ethnicity Reporting Form

A change has been made to the reporting of race and ethnicity in educational data to better reflect the country's growing diversity. The change will take place in the 2010-2011 school year and will require all students to be identified using a new two-part race/ethnicity question. The federal government has established the two-part question to recognize Hispanic ethnicity and race as two separate and distinct concepts. Additionally, the change allows the reporting of multiple races (American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, White).

Student Name:_____
First Middle Last

DOB:_____Grade:_____School: _____

Identify the ethnicity and race of the individual by answering **BOTH** questions.

Part 1.
Is the individual Hispanic or Latino? *(Choose only one)*

- ☐ **No**, not Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ **Yes**, Hispanic or Latino *(A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.)*

Part 2.
What is the individual's race? *(Choose one or more races below)*

- ☐ **American Indian or Alaska Native** *(A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America, including Central America, and who maintains 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, Vietnam and Laos.)*
- ☐ **Black or African American** *(A person having origins in any 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.)*

Note: Failure to answer both questions will result in use of prior racial/ ethnic data or an observer identifying for you.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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