



September 11, 2009

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Every year, local school districts in Idaho are required to report student race and ethnicity data to the Idaho State Department of Education as per federal guidelines. Though the individual student data is not reported to the U.S. Department of Education, the state is required to report the total number of students in various race/ethnicity categories by school. This data is used to track changes in student enrollment and ensure all students receive the educational programs and services to which they are entitled.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Education adjusted the federal requirements for reporting student data. Starting in fall 2009, all schools in Idaho will report student data to the Idaho State Department of Education using the new race/ethnicity categories. Because of these new requirements, you will need to work with your child's school to update data. The new federal requirements do not allow school districts to leave the category unanswered.

Please assist Compass in updating your child's ethnicity. If we do not receive a response from you, an employee of the school will be required to provide this information based on observation.

Should you have further inquiries on this questionnaire, please see the Question and Answer page attached.

Sincerely,

Kelly Trudeau
Administrator