

# Malcolm PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to inform you about new guidelines from the U.S. Department of Education regarding the collection of data on race and ethnicity for public school students and staff. The federal government, which requires all states to collect this information, has developed a new way to report ethnicity and race that includes new categories.

The federal government has developed these new categories in order to provide a more accurate picture of the nation's ethnic and racial diversity. This will enable individuals to be identified in ethnic and racial classifications and in more than one racial category.

Currently, Malcolm Public Schools (MPS) asks families to provide information on student's race and ethnicity at the time of enrollment. Beginning in fall 2010, we will ask the families of newly enrolled AND of all current students to complete a brief form to update information on their children's ethnicity and race.

The data with the new ethnicity and race categories will be used in the same manner that such information is currently used. For example, the federal government uses racial and ethnic data in reporting and analyzing test results, such as the Northwest Evaluation Association (national test) and NeSA (state level math and reading). The new categories will replace all existing categories for use in state and federal data collections that include data on ethnicity or race.

You will receive details about the new form and the process for completing it at a later date. Information regarding the collection of data on race and ethnicity also is available on the MPS web site at [http://www.malcolmschools.org/Administrative\\_Office](http://www.malcolmschools.org/Administrative_Office).

Respectfully,

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Greg Adams  
7-12 Principal