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Racial/Ethnic Data Collection Implementation Plan

2007
- The U.S. Department of Education determines how educational racial ethnic data should be collected. The final federal registrar standard was finalized in October.
- It is determined ethnicity will be collected separately from race, and both will be reported.

2008
- The Colorado Department of Education announces the new racial and ethnic data collection categories will be implemented by the 2010-2011 collections.
- CDE meets with community members and educators to discuss key documents and solicit feedback regarding district plans and parental notification.
- CDE posts all supporting materials for district use (FAQ sheet, notification letters, documents, etc.) on the Web site.

2009
- Districts inform staff on how to collect new data. Previous year data is provided and staff members are encouraged to resurvey.
    - District training
- Continued public education is created surrounding the new racial and ethnic categories.
- Districts communicate with parents/guardians and collect updated information from students. Collection can be done by:
    - A letter to parents, encouraging them to update child's information
    - Provide information from prior year
    - If parent is unwilling to cooperate, ask child to provide information (high school)
    - Provide FAQs
    - Focus group with parent involvement
- Inform vendors

2010
- District reports both multiple race and ethnic categories and final reporting category to CDE.

Note:
This document was created to be used as a resource for districts across the state. Please feel free to edit and make changes to this document to fit the needs of your communications regarding the new racial and ethnic categories.