

# How will this race/ethnicity information be used?

- Federal education reports districts and states submit to receive funds such as those provided through the **Elementary and Secondary Education Act**
- Required accountability reports collected through the **EDFacts** data collection system (graduation and dropout data, pupil membership counts, HR/Staff data, assessment/testing information, etc).
- Used by the **Office for Civil Rights** to assist with enforcement of laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race and national origin
- The **Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA)** requires collection of race and ethnicity data on students with disabilities
- Data used to account for progress in meeting the goals of the **No Child Left Behind (NCLB)** Act include information about students' race and ethnicity
- District-level evaluation of placement and program needs

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**NOTE**

Although these categories are required by the federal government, only aggregated racial and ethnic data are reported (in a way that does not permit the identification of individual students). Race and ethnicity data are not considered “directory information” under FERPA.