Dear Parent/Guardian:

School districts in Washington are required to report student data annually by ethnicity and race categories to the state's Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). The federal government, the Washington State Legislature and OSPI set the ethnicity and race categories used in all Washington school districts. OSPI is required to report the *total* number of students in various categories in each school to the federal government, but it does not report individual student data. These reports help the state and districts keep track of changes in student enrollment and various outcomes (such as graduation rates) to ensure that all students receive the educational programs and services to which they are entitled.

The federal government and OSPI recently changed the reporting categories for student ethnic and race data. As a result of the new reporting categories, we are asking you to identify your child as either Hispanic/Latino or Not Hispanic/Latino ***and*** by one or more of the 57 racial categories identified in Washington State.

If your family is Asian, you will now be able to list your child as Chinese, Japanese, or as belonging to one or more of the other Asian groups. If your family is Native American, you will be able to list your child's tribal affiliation. If one parent identifies with one race and the other parent with another, you will be able to check both races for your child.

Starting in September 2010, all public schools in Washington will need to start using these new categories. If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact Carmen Ibarra, Administrative Secretary at 782-3355 or via email at cibarra@cashmere.wednet.edu.

Since this is now a requirement of the state, if you choose to decline identifying your student's ethnicity and race information, the district will be required to choose a category for you.

Sincerely,

Glenn Johnson
Superintendent

ETHNICITY AND RACE DATA COLLECTION FORM

Student's Name _____   **Grade** _____

Please answer questions 1A or 1B AND Question 2

Question 1A: Is your child of Hispanic or Latino origin? (Please check all that apply)

☐ Cuban
☐ Dominican
☐ Spaniard
☐ Puerto Rican
☐ Mexican/Mexican American/Chicano

☐ Central American
☐ South American
☐ Latin American
☐ Other Hispanic/Latino

Question 1B: Child is not Hispanic/Latino

☐ NOT Hispanic/Latino

Question 2: What race(s) do you consider your child? (Please check all that apply)

☐ African American/Black

☐ White

☐ Asian Indian
☐ Cambodian
☐ Chinese
☐ Filipino
☐ Hmong

☐ Indonesian
☐ Japanese
☐ Korean
☐ Laotian
☐ Malaysian

☐ Pakistani
☐ Singaporean
☐ Taiwanese
☐ Thai
☐ Vietnamese
☐ Other Asian

☐ Native Hawaiian
☐ Fijian
☐ Guamanian or Chamorro

☐ Mariana Islander
☐ Melanesian
☐ Micronesian

☐ Samoan
☐ Tongan
☐ Other Pacific Islander

☐ Alaska Native
☐ Chehalis
☐ Colville
☐ Cowlitz
☐ Hoh
☐ Jamestown
☐ Kalispel
☐ Lower Elwha
☐ Lummi
☐ Makah
☐ Other American Indian

☐ Muckleshoot
☐ Nisqually
☐ Nooksack
☐ Port Gamble Klallam
☐ Puyallup
☐ Quileute
☐ Quinault
☐ Samish
☐ Sauk-Suiattle
☐ Shoalwater

☐ Skokomish
☐ Snoqualmie
☐ Spokane
☐ Squaxin Island
☐ Stillaguamish
☐ Suquamish
☐ Swinomish
☐ Tulalip
☐ Yakama
☐ Other Washington Indian

Parents Signature _____