



# VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

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TO: Villa Maria Academy Parents/Guardians  
FROM: Sister Regina Ryan, Principal  
DATE: August 2018  
RE: Ethnicity Report

Every year Villa Maria Academy is required to provide data to the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS), the Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools (ADVIS), and the Department of Education on the composition of our student body by ethnicity. To comply with these requests we will need to request accurate information from you. While this information will allow us to comply with these requests, it will also enable us to understand more completely the families in our school as we work to make Villa Maria Academy a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Please complete the bottom portion of this letter and return it to the Dean of Students no later than Friday, September 7, 2018.

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Using the definitions on page 2, please indicate below how you wish Villa Maria Academy to identify your child's ethnic heritage.

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*Child's Name (Please print first and last name)*

- African American
- Asian
- Asian American
- Caucasian
- Latino/Hispanic
- Middle Eastern
- Native American
- Multiracial (or Biracial)

OR  We prefer not to provide this information.

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*Parent Name (Please print first and last name)*

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## DEFINITIONS

**African American:** Black American persons of African and/or Caribbean ancestry.

**American Indian/Alaska Native:** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

**Asian/Asian American:** Persons whose ancestry is from one or more of the following Countries: Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.

**Bi-Racial/Multi-Racial:** Persons who identify with more than one ethnic or racial heritage.

**Caucasian:** Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe.

**Latino/Hispanic:** Persons of Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican Dominican or Latin ancestry.

**Middle Eastern:** People whose ancestry is from the Middle East countries: Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Qatar, Tunisia, Kuwait, Yemen, Southern Yemen, Oman, Bahrain, Lebanon.

**Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Island:** Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa and other Pacific Islands.