



Online link: <http://bit.ly/schoolmascotdatabase>

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) recently developed a comprehensive national tracking database of more than two dozen different Native “themed” school mascots (K-12 level), updating it regularly through real-time Google alert notifications and direct, ongoing engagement with many of the schools featured in the database.\* The database features comprehensive information for each school, from online news stories to school mascot logos to detailed contact information for school principals, superintendents, and school board members.

The database enables NCAI staff to identify, track, engage, and educate those schools that are having active conversations about whether and how to change their mascots about: (1) the many documented harms that such mascots cause Native people, particularly Native youth; and (2) NCAI’s longstanding formal opposition (as a national governing body of Tribal Nations) to the continued use of these mascots. Currently, the database is not accessible to the public, but NCAI does provide data upon request from interested media members and scholars.

### SCHOOLS WITH NATIVE “THEMED” MASCOTS: THE CURRENT NUMBERS *(Last updated: April 5, 2023)*

***Current overall numbers and numbers of five most common mascots featured below:***

OVERALL	
Total Schools	1,901
Total School Districts	966

“R*DSK*NS”	
Total Schools	89
Total School Districts	40

“INDIANS”	
Total Schools	783
Total School Districts	331

“BRAVES”	
Total Schools	227
Total School Districts	130

“CHIEFS”	
Total Schools	181
Total School Districts	91

“WARRIORS”	
Total Schools	406
Total School Districts	236

### RECENT SCHOOL MASCOT CHANGES – MARCH 2022-APRIL 2023 *(Last updated: April 5, 2023)*

***Total school mascot changes in calendar year 2021: 32 / 16 most recent school mascot changes listed below:***

SCHOOL NAME (STATE)	MASCOT	DECISION	DATE
Glens Falls HS (NY)	“INDIANS”	School Board voted to adopt new mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	04/03/23
Corinth HS (NY)	“TOMAHAWKS”	School Board voted to adopt new mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	03/21/23
Green Mountain Union HS (VT)	“CHIEFTAINS”	School Board voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	01/19/23
Touchet HS (WA)	“INDIANS”	School Board voted to adopt new mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	09/06/22
Rutland HS (VT)	“RAIDERS”	School Board voted to re-retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	08/30/22
Manistee MS/HS (MI)	“CHIPPEWAS”	District announced change during work session ( <a href="#">link</a> )	08/24/22
Odessa-Montour Jr./Sr. HS (NY)	“INDIANS”	School Board voted to adopt new mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	07/28/22
J.W. Sexton HS (MI)	“BIG REDS”	District announced change via statement ( <a href="#">link</a> )	07/07/22
Chamberlain HS (FL)	“CHIEFS”	School Board voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	06/21/22
Waterloo HS (NY)	“INDIANS”	School Board voted to adopt new mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	06/13/22
Chief Moses MS (WA)	“BRAVES”	School Board voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	06/09/22
Arrowhead MS (KS)	“APACHES”	School Board voted to adopt new mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	05/31/22
Moses Lake HS (WA)	“CHIEFS”	School Board voted to adopt new mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	05/26/22
Lamar HS (CO)	“S*V*GES”	School Board voted to adopt new mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	05/19/22
Sandusky Jr./Sr. HS (MI)	“R*DSK*NS”	School Board voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	04/18/22
Montville HS (CT)	“INDIANS”	School Board voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	03/15/22

\*Note: The database features a comprehensive accounting of all public K-12 schools and includes private schools that NCAI has managed to identify through continuous online research and its ongoing education and advocacy on the issue. Only the most recent changes are listed in the table above (Suggested Citation: National Congress of American Indians (2023). National School Mascot Tracking Database: The Current Numbers. Washington DC, April 5, 2023).