



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

Over the past year, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) developed a comprehensive national tracking database of more than two dozen different Native “themed” school mascots (K-12 level), updating it daily 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, in particular 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: September 13, 2021)*

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

OVERALL	
Total Schools	1,929
Total School Districts	988

“R*DSK*NS”	
Total Schools	93
Total School Districts	41

“INDIANS”	
Total Schools	787
Total School Districts	335

“BRAVES”	
Total Schools	223
Total School Districts	128

“CHIEFS”	
Total Schools	183
Total School Districts	95

“WARRIORS”	
Total Schools	412
Total School Districts	237

RECENT SCHOOL MASCOT CHANGES – MAY 2021-AUGUST 2021 *(Last updated: September 13, 2021)*

Total school mascot changes in calendar year 2021: 47 / 16 most recent school mascot changes listed below:

SCHOOL NAME (STATE)	MASCOT	DECISION	DATE
Cuyahoga Heights HS (OH)	“R*DSK*NS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	08/25/21
Toledo HS (WA)	“INDIANS”	School board approved new mascot (link)	08/19/21
Kalama HS (WA)	“CHINOOKS”	School board approved new mascot imagery (link)	08/09/21
Seneca HS (WI)	“INDIANS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	07/26/21
South Bend Jr./Sr. HS (WA)	“INDIANS”	School board announced removal of mascot (link)	07/23/21
Lemont HS (IL)	“INDIANS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	07/19/21
North Haven HS (CT)	“INDIANS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	07/14/21
Hart HS (CA)	“INDIANS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	07/14/21
Emmerich Manual HS (IN)	“R*DSK*NS”	School adopted new name after merger (link)	07/13/21
Oklahoma School for the Deaf	“INDIANS”	State Commission approved mascot change (link)	07/12/21
Jamestown HS (NY)	“RED RAIDERS”	School board voted to retire imagery (link)	07/01/21
Grand Junction Central HS (CO)	“WARRIORS”	Principal announced change to imagery (link)	06/24/21
Marysville Pilchuck HS (WA)	“TOMAHAWKS”	District honored request from Tulalip Tribes (link)	06/22/21
Coxsackie-Athens HS (NY)	“INDIANS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	06/17/21
Okemos HS (MI)	“CHIEFS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	05/24/21
North Central HS (WA)	“INDIANS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	05/12/21

*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 (2021). National School Mascot Tracking Database: The Current Numbers. Washington DC, September 13, 2021).