

STATUS OF RACE-BASED NICKNAMES IN WISCONSIN SCHOOLS AS OF JANUARY 2, 2012

Wisconsin schools that used but eliminated all American Indian references to race-based 'Indian' nickname/logos (n = 33 as of January 2, 2012)

<u>School</u>	<u>Nickname</u>	<u>Enrollment*</u>	<u>Action year</u>
Amery	Warriors (medieval)	540	1996
Arcadia	Raiders (wolves)	343	est. mid-90s
Arrowhead (Hartland)	Warhawks (bird, non-Native)	2278	April 2008
Bruce	Red Raiders (masked caped rider)	167	Board approved 6-18-2007
Clear Lake	Warriors (non-Native)	204	est. mid-90s
Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau	Red Hawks	396	Board approved 5-13-2010
Germantown	Warhawks (bird, non-Native)	1450	est. mid-90s
Grafton	Black Hawks (bird, non-Native)	825	approx. 1998
Independence	Indees (non-Native)	124	est. mid-90s
Kewaunee	Storm	361	Board approved 8-16-2010
Kiel	Raiders (masked caped rider)	458	est. mid-90s
La Crosse Central	Red Raiders (medieval)	1181	mid-1990s
Marathon	Red Raiders (non-Native)	251	1994
Medford	Raiders (non-Native)	667	1998
Menomonie	Mustangs	993	Board approved 6-13-11
Milton	Red Hawks (bird, non-Native)	1013	1999
Milwaukee Career/Tech (Custer)	Cougars	446	1992
Neillsville	Warriors (non-Native)	311	est. mid-90s
Oshkosh West	Wildcats	1797	2002
Osseo-Fairchild	Thunder	301	Board approved 6-13-11
Portage	Warriors (medieval)	784	2003
Poynette	Pumas	326	Board approved 3-16-2009
Rice Lake	Warriors (non-Native)	798	1989
Seymour	Thunder	759	1992
Shawano	Hawks	878	1992
Sheboygan South	Redwings (bird, non-Native)	1238	1993
Tomah	Timberwolves	1027	Board approved 10-19-2006
Verona	Wildcats	1502	1992
Viroqua	Blackhawks (bird, non-Native)	373	Bird appeared on Board agenda 8-2006
Waupun	Warriors (medieval)	631	est. mid-90s
Wauwatosa East	Red Raiders (medieval)	1182	Board approved 3-13-2006
Wisconsin Rapids	Red Raiders (wolves)	1791	Board approved 3-10-2008
Wonewoc-Center	Wolves	109	Board approved 6-15-2009

(Median = 667 students)

Total enrollment in these 33 high schools = 25,504 students.

(See next page for Wisconsin schools that still use race-based athletic nicknames.)

**Wisconsin schools still using race-based ‘Indian’ nickname/logos
(n = 32 as of January 2, 2012)**

<u>School</u>	<u>Nickname</u>	<u>Enrollment*</u>
Auburndale	Apaches	271
Baldwin-Woodville	Blackhawks	478
Belmont	Braves	86
(1) Berlin	Indians	552
Big Foot (Walworth)	Chiefs	508
Black Hawk (South Wayne)	Warriors	146
Cornell	Chiefs	140
Elmwood	Raiders	105
Fort Atkinson	Blackhawks	970
Greenwood	Indians	112
Kewaskum	Indians	663
Lake Holcombe	Chieftains	112
Lancaster	Flying Arrows	296
Menomonee Falls	Indians	1530
Mishicot	Indians	326
Mosinee	Indians	670
(2) Mukwonago	Indians	1690
Muskego	Warriors	1705
Osceola	Chieftains	571
Ozaukee (Fredonia)	Warriors	249
Potosi	Chieftains	135
Prairie du Chien	Blackhawks	394
Rib Lake	Redmen	163
Riverdale (Muscodia)	Chieftains	222
Seneca	Indians	90
Shiocton	Chiefs	217
Stockbridge	Indians	68
Tomahawk	Hatchets	522
Waunakee	Warriors	1186
Weyauwega-Fremont	Indians	345
Winter	Warriors	99
Wisconsin Dells	Chiefs	572

(Median = 311 students)

Total enrollment in these 32 high schools = 15,193 students.

(1) & (2): Berlin and Mukwonago have been ordered by DPI to eliminate their race-based athletic identities. When this list was updated on January 2, 2012, the school boards had not yet formally passed resolutions committing to change. Each will be moved to the other list following formal school board action.



Statewide enrollment is 872,286 grade K-12 students, so these 32 high schools have 1.74% of all Wisconsin students. Research shows that the race-based athletic policies of these 32 high schools harm both Native and non-Native students in all competing schools through conference, non-conference and tournament competition, as well as through media coverage of such competition. Hence, the other over-98% of students Statewide are also being harmed by race-based high school athletic policies of school boards whose high schools constitute less than 2% of Wisconsin students.**

Statewide enrollment is 273,807 grade 9-12 students, so these 32 high schools have 5.6% of all Wisconsin high school students. As described in the prior paragraph, the other 94.4% of high school students Statewide are also being harmed by the race-based policies of school boards with only 5.6% of Wisconsin high school students.**

* Source: Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Online Senior High Directory at <http://www.wiaawi.org/index.php?id=364> from website as of 9-8-11 (based on Fall 2010 enrollment)

** Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction at <http://dpi.wi.gov/lbstat/xls/pestgr11.xls>, from website as of 9-8-11 (based on Fall 2010 enrollment)

As of January 2, 2012, 33 Wisconsin schools have eliminated all American Indian references from a previously-used race-based 'Indian' nickname/logo while 32 Wisconsin schools continue to use a race-based 'Indian' nickname/logo. Accordingly, 33 out of 65 Wisconsin schools (or 51%) have acted positively by eliminating all racial sports references. While it is acknowledged that some schools on the second list have made some positive changes such as reducing or modifying usage, partial measures still leave the nickname and associated references as a race-based school stereotype targeting American Indians.

The above is believed to be a correct characterization of (1) the official policies of the respective school board on whether to have a race-based school nickname policy and (2) informal actions of schools with respect to racial references as carried out by administrators, teachers, students, recognized alumni groups, and other constituencies. It is based on information available to members of the Wisconsin Race-based Nickname Review Committee at the time that the committee made these categorizations. The Committee welcomes updated information from any source. Please send new information to either Barbara Munson, Chair, WIEA 'Indian' Mascot and Logo Taskforce [231 Steeple Road, Mosinee, WI 54455; Phone (715) 693-6238; FAX (715) 693-1756; e-mail Barb@Munson.net] or Harvey Gunderson, President, Religious Americans Against 'Indian' Nicknames & Logos (RAAINL) [P.O. Box 667, Osseo, WI 54758; Phone (715) 797-9798; e-mail gunderso@triwest.net].

The Wisconsin Race-based Nickname Review Committee is a committee of individuals with current or past relationships with or representatives from various educational and human rights organizations such as the Wisconsin Indian Education Association (WIEA), WIEA Task Force on 'Indian' Mascots & Logos, Youth 'Indian' Mascot and Logo Taskforce, Wisconsin State Human Relations Association (WSHRA), Changing Winds Advocacy Center, Students & Teachers Against Racism (STAR), Religious Americans Against 'Indian' Nicknames & Logos (RAAINL), etc.