



# COLORADO COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

## Continued Use of Prohibited Native Mascot Imagery

Section 3 of Colorado Revised Statutes (CRS), 22-1-133 prohibits the use of American Indian mascots by public schools after June 1, 2022. This includes an elementary, middle, junior high, high school, district charter school of a school district, and institute charter school that serves any of grades kindergarten through twelve.

[C.R.S. 22-1-133](#) states that any school notified as being out of compliance by the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) on or after May 1, 2022 will have one year to come into compliance before incurring a \$25,000 fine for every month they are out of compliance. Use of a mascot could include the display of American Indian mascots or imagery that no longer represent a school as determined by the voting members of the Commission.

Members of the public, CCIA staff or CCIA commissioners may submit documentation, pictures, etc. to CCIA staff indicating that a school may be out of compliance for the consideration of the voting members of the Commission. At a publicly noticed CCIA quarterly meeting, voting members of the Commission will vote to determine if the school in question shall be added to the list of schools not in compliance with the law. If added, the school will have one year to cease use of its Native mascot .

Please reach out to Kathryn Redhorse, Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, at [kathryn.redhorse@state.co.us](mailto:kathryn.redhorse@state.co.us) if you have any questions regarding a school's noncompliant status.