

**House File 2469 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act prohibiting the use of certain names, mascots, or  
2 related materials by public and accredited nonpublic schools  
3 and including effective date provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.36 Prohibition of certain  
2 school names or images.

3 1. A public or nonpublic school shall not have or adopt as a  
4 representation of the school a name, nickname, or team name or  
5 a symbol, mascot, logo, letterhead, or other image that does  
6 any of the following:

7 a. Depicts or refers to Native Americans, including aspects  
8 of Native American cultures, custom, tradition, or individual  
9 or specific Native American tribes.

10 b. Denigrates or is commonly thought to be derogatory of  
11 any racial; ethnic; religious; or physical, intellectual,  
12 developmental, or learning disability group, or any culture.

13 2. a. Subsection 1, paragraph "a", does not apply to a  
14 school under the control of a Native American tribe and under  
15 the purview of the bureau of Indian education.

16 b. Subsection 1, paragraph "a", does not apply if a Native  
17 American tribe has given explicit, written consent for a school  
18 to use the tribe's name or an image relating to the tribe.

19 c. Subsection 1, paragraph "a", shall not be construed to  
20 prohibit a Native American tribe from choosing to use a Native  
21 American-related name or a symbol, mascot, logo, letterhead,  
22 or other image for an athletic team comprised of its tribal  
23 members, including a tribal school or intramural league.

24 3. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a public school or  
25 nonpublic school may continue to use uniforms or other  
26 materials bearing a prohibited matter that were purchased  
27 before the effective date of this Act if all of the following  
28 requirements are met:

29 a. The school selected a replacement for the prohibited  
30 material before the effective date of this Act.

31 b. The school does not purchase or acquire, for the purpose  
32 of distribution or sale to students or school employees, any  
33 uniform that includes or bears the prohibited material on or  
34 after the effective date of this Act.

35 c. The school does not purchase or acquire, for the purpose

1 of distribution or sale to students or school employees, any  
2 yearbook, newspaper, program, or other similar material that  
3 includes or bears the prohibited material in its logo, cover,  
4 or title on or after the effective date of this Act.

5 d. The school does not purchase or construct a marquee,  
6 sign, or other new or replacement fixture that includes or  
7 bears the prohibited material on or after the effective date of  
8 this Act, and removes such material from existing fixtures by  
9 the effective date of this Act.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1, 2025.

11 EXPLANATION

12 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
13 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

14 This bill prohibits a public or accredited nonpublic school  
15 from having or adopting as a representation of the school  
16 a name, nickname, or team name or a symbol, mascot, logo,  
17 letterhead, or other image that depicts or refers to Native  
18 Americans, including aspects of Native American cultures,  
19 custom, tradition, or individual or specific Native American  
20 tribes. The bill specifies exceptions to this prohibition.  
21 The bill also prohibits a public or accredited nonpublic school  
22 from having or adopting as a representation of the school  
23 a name, nickname, or team name or a symbol, mascot, logo,  
24 letterhead, or other image that denigrates or is commonly  
25 thought to be derogatory of any racial; ethnic; religious; or  
26 physical, intellectual, developmental, or learning disability  
27 group, or any culture.

28 A public school or nonpublic school may continue to use  
29 uniforms or other materials bearing a prohibited matter that  
30 were purchased before July 1, 2025, if specified requirements  
31 are met.

32 The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.