



## Shawnee Mission North HS Mascot Application



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Directions: Please complete this application completely and return via email to Jeremy Higgins ([jeremyhiggins@smsd.org](mailto:jeremyhiggins@smsd.org)) or via mail (SM North HS, 7401 Johnson Dr., Overland Park, KS 66202). Applications are due by March 5, 2021 at 3:00PM.

Only those applications that meet the requirements within Board Policy ACA will be considered. SMSD Board Policy ACA is below for your reference.

### Board Policy ACA: School Mascots

The board supports the use of school mascots and school colors to build school spirit and to promote a sense of community.

The term "mascot" refers to any character (person, animal, or object), and the related name, logo, image, symbol, and/or costuming, used to represent a school, school-sponsored team, or school-sponsored group.

Mascots for the district's schools should represent a school in a positive manner and benefit school unity and pride. Mascots must meet the following requirements:

- Mascots will not be derogatory or offensive toward a person or class of persons based on a protected class, as that term is defined in Policy AC. Mascots will not make reference toward a person or class of persons based on a protected class, as that term is defined in Policy AC.
- Mascots will be culturally and racially sensitive and appropriate.
- Mascots will depict individuals with fairness, dignity, and respect.
- Mascots will not run counter to the district's mission of creating a fully unified, equitable, and inclusive culture.

If the board determines that a school mascot fails to comply with this policy, then the mascot will be retired and a new mascot for the school will be selected through a process approved by the superintendent. The process for selecting a new mascot will be led by the school principal with input from students. The principal may seek input from other school community members as appropriate. The mascot name will be submitted to the superintendent for final approval.

Name of person submitting: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address of person submitting: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number of person submitting: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of person submitting: \_\_\_\_\_

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Connection to SM North:

- ☐ Current student/parent
- ☐ Future student/parent
- ☐ Alumni
- ☐ Shawnee Mission Community Member
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed New Mascot: \_\_\_\_\_

Connection of the proposed mascot to SMN - What is the significance of the proposed mascot?  
Why should this be considered for the new mascot?

Proposed Mascot Image/Logo (optional):