

# REDHAWKS

*What qualities make this mascot a great fit for Union?*

Please see the reasons below, as suggested by their nominators.

- This **fierce** bird of prey is native to Oklahoma
- It is a **patient hunter** symbolizing **discipline**
- Hawks are symbols of **power** and **strength** in Native American culture. A hawk sighting is considered a message to spread your wings, fly higher, and expand your scope in life, an appropriate metaphor for an educational institution.
- Redhawks are **keen-eyed** and **efficient** hunters of prey
- **Strong, predatory** animal with **courage**
- They are **beautiful, majestic** birds
- The has a **thrilling, raspy** scream is **captivating** and **intimidating!**
- Hawks promote **unity**
- **Soars** high above, **focused**, and **fierce**, a symbol of **strength** and **vision**
- Embodies **flexibility, resilience, swiftness, loyalty, protective,** and **kind** – everything Union represents
- **Thrives** in various environments and **adapts** to all habitats
- Comes in a wide variety of colors, representing **diversity**
- They are **loyal** birds who mate for life and will fiercely defend their nests
- **Strong** and **savvy** hunters
- Redhawks are both **fierce** and **gentle**
- They are **territorial** and **dominant**, protecting their families
- **Patient, intelligent, goal-oriented** and gets along with others
- **Brave** and **independent**
- They build **strong, protective** homes and care greatly for their young

# BISON

*What qualities make this mascot a great fit for Union?*

Please see the reasons below, as suggested by their nominators.

- Bison are **native** to Oklahoma and are the official state animal
- They are **strong, courageous,** and **fast,** running at speeds up to 35 miles-per-hour
- **Majestic** and **powerful.** They continue to thrive despite all that humans have put them through, making them **resilient survivors**
- They honor Oklahoma history as a source of food, shelter, and clothing for Native Americans
- The singular and plural forms of the word are the same, symbolizing the **unity** of the **herd,** a **family**
- Bison are the longest-surviving land animal in North America and Europe. They are **persevering** animals that represent **strength, stability,** and **prosperity**
- They have a **fierce** personality that is both **intimidating** and **encouraging**
- Bison have a **large, noble,** often **foreboding** presence
- Symbol of **provision, abundance,** and **prosperity**
- An image of **strength, stability,** and **consistency**
- **Pragmatic, strong-shouldered** individuals who excel in the art of compromise. They are **resourceful** and dedicated to the pursuit of **success.**
- Associated with **endurance** and **protection**
- **Fearless** and **unafraid** of walking directly into a storm
- Majestic creature with **imperturbable demeanor**
- **Diligent, trustworthy,** and **decisive**
- They symbolize a **team** and **working together**
- Imagine the **thundering beat** of their hooves at a Union football game when the Union Bison are on the attack!