

Mascot Timeline

- *April - Student survey mascot names and traits*
- *5/17 - Student advisory meeting*
 - *Student volunteers to market their choice*
- 6/1 - Board presentation of top 4 or 5 choices
- 6/5 - 6/8 - Community survey and student survey
- 6/8 - Student advisory meeting
 - Review data and make recommendation
- 6/15 - Student presentation of mascot recommendation to Board of Education



Hoosic Valley Mascot – Final 4

Blue Jays



Eagles



Hawks



Wolves



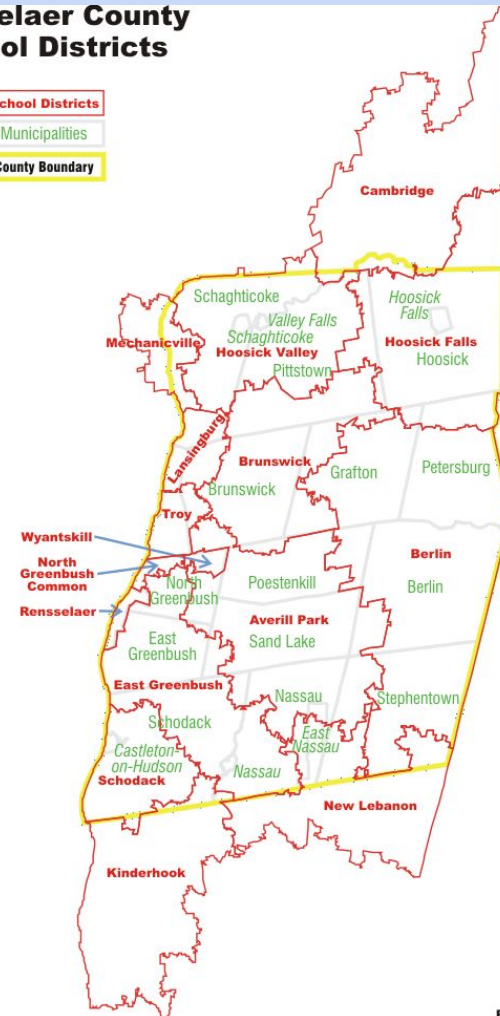


Unique: Hawks

- Averill Park CSD
- Berlin CSD
- Brunswick (Brittonkill) CSD
- East Greenbush CSD
- **Hoosic Valley CSD**
- Hoosick Falls CSD
- Lansingburgh CSD
- North Greenbush Common School District (Williams)
- Rensselaer City School District
- Schodack CSD
- Troy City School District
- Wynantskill UFSD

NONE have the Hawks as their mascot

Rensselaer County School Districts



Top 3 Characteristics

1. Strength & Power -- 72.3%
 - Hawks have a grip which can be as strong as 200 pounds per square inch, and use their razor sharp talons to grab their prey
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2. Bravery -- 53%
 - Hawks have been found to aggressively defend their nest against animal and human threats
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3. Speed -- 52%

Hawk Population in Upstate NY

According to a survey taken in 2016 by HMANA in Voorheesville, NY of 216 individual assorted Hawks and Raptors in Upstate NY the most common species of Hawk in our region is the Broad-Winged Hawk.

Broad-Winged Hawk
National Audubon Society





**HOOSIC VALLEY
HAWKS**

THE FLOCK

Hawks

Top 3 characteristics for our mascot (voted on by our students)



1. Strength/Power-72.3%

Razor sharp talons are used to puncture prey. They have a grip strength of 200 pounds per square inch

2. Bravery- 53%

Hawks fiercely protect their nest against much larger creatures including humans.

3. Speed--52%

Hawks can have cruising speeds of up to 40 mph while diving speeds can get to 120 mph

The hawk is fit to represent Hoosic Valley and it's students

A mascot must represent the values our school stands for.

Hawks are very loyal. They mate for life and form deep attachments with their nesting territory and become protective of their home.

Hawks have excellent vision. They can spot a mouse from a mile above. This represents the vision our students have for the future of our school.

Hawks are known for how they've adapted to their environment. We, as a school are adapting to changes in society.



Prevalence of Hawks in our Hoosic Valley Community

Hawks can be seen all around Schaghticoke and its surrounding towns.

A Hawk can see its prey from a mile away. It takes great patience and focus to wait for the perfect moment to strike. The hawk can remind us to be patient and stay on track in all of our academic and athletic endeavors.

Hoosic Valley Hawks



The Hoosic Valley Eagles



What an Eagle Represents

- Patriotism of our country and school
- Pride and strength



Reasons why we should be Eagles

- Eagles are all around us
- Honor the effort to bring the Eagle back from the endangered species list
- The eagle would look great on our uniforms
- Inspiring during Sports games

