



SPECIAL OLYMPICS UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS®

Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools (UCS) is a strategy for schools Pre-K through university that intentionally promotes meaningful social inclusion of students with intellectual disabilities (ID) by bringing together students with and without intellectual disabilities utilizing **3 interconnected components:**

Special Olympics Unified Sports®

- Young Athletes
- Unified PE
- SOFit
- Competitive Unified basketball
- Unified cornhole
- Recreational Sports Days

Inclusive Youth Leadership

- Unified student council
- Youth Activation Committee
- Unified club
- Best Buddies
- Youth Summit

Whole School Engagement

- Polar Plunge
- Unified morning/afternoon announcements
- STW Inclusion Week
- Pep Rallies
- School Sports Days
- Down Syndrome & Autism Awareness Activations
- Fans in the Stands



At its core, this Unified strategy is about unifying all students—with and without disabilities—using sports as a catalyst for social inclusion and attitude and behavioral change.

Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools is in nearly 8,000 schools and 2,770 school districts in 49 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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