

What does it mean to become a

Unified Champion School

**Special
Olympics**
Kansas



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**Unified Champion
Schools**

Unified Champion School is a program pre-K through college offered by Special Olympics Kansas through local schools and is dedicated to creating inclusive school environments where every student in the school regardless of ability-learns, plays, leads, and thrives together through 3 key components.

Our 3 Components:

Unified Sports:

Unified Sports allows students with and without disabilities the opportunity to compete with each other and against other UCS schools in the surrounding areas. Special Olympics Kansas offers year-round Unified Sports opportunities.

Inclusive Youth Leadership:

Inclusive Youth Leadership teaches students with and without disabilities leadership skills and how to work and lead together.

Activities Offered:

- Unified Basketball
 - Unified Bocce
 - Unified Bowling
 - Unified Cheerleading
 - Unified Cornhole
 - Unified Golf
 - Unified Soccer
 - Unified Track and Field
 - Unified PE
 - Young Athletes (ages 2-7)
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- Youth Summits
 - Youth Activation Committee
 - Youth Leadership Experiences
 - Inclusion Library

Whole School Engagement:

Whole School Engagement is an initiative that encourages the whole school to participate together, including training school staff on inclusion best practices.

- Spread the Word- campaign to end derogatory language.
- Cool School Plunge- fundraiser to raise money for your schools unified program!
- Monthly Challenges- fun challenges each month to involve the whole school.
- Educator Professional Development

How to get your student involved:

Each school has a Staff Liaison that will plan and facilitate events with the Special Olympics Kansas Staff. If you don't know who your schools liaison is, reach out to: unified.soks.org

After Graduation:

We have Unified Programming at the College level! Let us know where your student plans on continuing their education so we can get them into contact with the Unified Program at their school.

Other Opportunities:

Special Olympics Kansas offers year-round Traditional Programming exclusively for individuals with disabilities from the community. Students are welcome and encouraged to participate in both Traditional and Unified Special Olympics programs!

If you are interested in joining our traditional programming, check our resources below!

Traditional Special Olympics Website- soks.org

Unified Resources Website- unified.soks.org



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