

Special Olympics National School Recognition Program

A National Banner Unified Champion School is one that has demonstrated commitment to inclusion by meeting 10 standards of excellence. These standards were developed by a national panel of leaders from Special Olympics and the education community.

The primary activities within these standards include: Special Olympics Unified Sports® (where students with and without disabilities train and compete as teammates), Inclusive Youth Leadership and Whole-School Engagement. *Banner Unified Champion Schools* should also be able to demonstrate they are self-sustainable or have a plan in place to sustain these activities into the future.

*Note: the recognition program was pilot-tested in four states in 2016 and was open to high schools. This will be expanded to additional states in 2017-18.

Special Olympics is proud to recognize the following schools for this achievement:

State City **School Name Berlin High School** Connecticut Berlin Connecticut Brookfield **Brookfield High School** Connecticut Cheshire **Cheshire High School** Connecticut Durham Coginchaug High School Connecticut Farmington Farmington High School Connecticut Fairfield Fairfield Ludlowe High School Connecticut Greenwich **Greenwich High School** Connecticut Guilford **Guilford High School** Connecticut Madison Daniel Hand High School Connecticut Milford Jonathan Law High School Connecticut Молгое Masuk High School Connecticut Middletown Middletown High School Connecticut New Britain New Britain High School Connecticut Newington Newington High School Connecticut Newtown High School Newtown Connecticut Norwalk Brien McMahon High School Connecticut Norwich Norwich Free Academy

2016 National Banner Unified Champion Schools

Connecticut Northern California Northern California South Carolina South Carolina

New Mexico New Mexico Oxford Rockville Shelton Southington Stafford Storrs Suffield Torrington Waterbury Waterbury Windsor Wolcott Woodbridge Woodstock Pittsburg Oakley Lexington Lexington Seneca Sumter Clover Lugoff Graniteville West Columbia **Rio Rancho** Las Cruces

Oxford High School **Rockville High School** Shelton High School Southington High School Stafford High School E.O. Smith High School Suffield High School **Torrington High School** Crosby High School Wilby High School Windsor High School Wolcott High School **Amity Regional High School** Woodstock Academy Pittsburg High School Freedom High School Lexington High School **River Bluff High School** Seneca High School Sumter High School **Clover High School** Lugoff Elgin High School Midland Valley High School Airport High School

Cleveland High School Vista Middle School