



Get Into It<sup>®</sup> educates, motivates and activates students to make a difference in their school and community.



Aligned with important education initiatives:

- Service-Learning
- Anti-Bullying
- Character Education



- Anti-Obesity
- Changing School Climate
- Inclusive Collaboration
- Universal Design

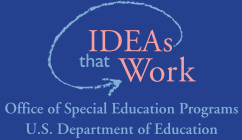


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A free, K-12 service-learning curriculum empowering all young people to be agents of change

# What is Get Into It®?

A free, K-12 age-appropriate service-learning curriculum designed to advance students' civic knowledge and skill development, promote acceptance and understanding of people's differences and to motivate them to become advocates for and together with all people. The curriculum is designed for general education classrooms with modifications and extensions to include all learners.

Features of this widely-endorsed curriculum are: lessons broken into grade-level sections, inspiring athlete stories, experiential role plays, opportunities for student self-reflection, powerful youth-oriented videos, a culminating youth-led service-learning project.



## Students

Check out the **online student portal** complete with interactive games such as: Card Creator, Event Planner, Create-A-Tale and more.

Join the online Get Into It® **student community** to share ideas, activities and projects with students across the country

Watch **exciting videos and clips** from successful student-organized events.



## Educators



Make planning easier with the matrix of **national standards** mapped to each lesson. Utilize the **service learning guide** for ideas and strategies to empower youth voice and leadership. Engage all students with **step-by-step lessons and extensions** that challenge at every level. Expand student knowledge by utilizing **cross-curricular connections**. Share ideas with and be inspired by other teachers around the country through the Get Into It® **online educator community**.

**"Now, I don't think of them as different; I think of them as just another one of my friends."**

**Katerina Kanagalingam,**  
student at Cedar Valley  
Middle School, TX



## Project UNIFY®

Get Into It® is an initiative of Special Olympics Project UNIFY®, a strategy for youth engagement and activation that is sponsored in part by the Department of Education. Other Project UNIFY® initiatives include:

- Unified Sports®
- Fans in the Stands
- Spread the Word to End the Word™
- Young Athletes Program™
- Inclusive Youth Leadership
- Youth Rallies/Summits



Get Into It and corresponding tools and resources for teachers are available for free online at:

[www.specialolympics.org/getintoit](http://www.specialolympics.org/getintoit)