

2019-2020 REACH REPORT

Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools® in the U.S.



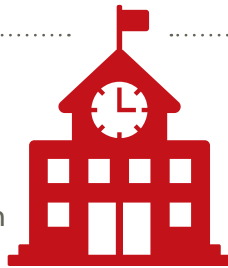
Special Olympics
Unified Champion
Schools®

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

7,868
SCHOOLS

2,821 DISTRICTS

49 STATES + DC
and the Commonwealth
of Puerto Rico



74%

**OFFERED AT LEAST
TWO COMPONENTS**

Special Olympics Unified Sports®,
inclusive youth leadership, &
whole school engagement
57% offered all three



BANNER SCHOOLS

518 schools across the country reached national banner status through the Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools (SOUCS) National Recognition Program. These schools demonstrated commitment to inclusion by meeting the 10 national standards of excellence.



15,460

**TEACHERS
EDUCATED**

about SOUCS programming
and social inclusion in schools

PARTICIPATING STUDENTS

226,535
SPORTS
PARTICIPANTS



6.1M
TOTAL INCLUSIVE
EXPERIENCES

Unified Sports in schools, including inclusive Young Athletes program, Unified Sports competitive, Unified Sports player development, and Unified Sports recreation, have resulted in:

306,288 UNIFIED SPORTS
EXPERIENCES

198,084 YOUTH LEADERSHIP
EXPERIENCES

5.6M WHOLE SCHOOL
ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCES

This report is for the 2019-2020 school year, thus reflecting engagement during the onset of COVID-19 across the United States. As such, some of these numbers show slight reductions from the previous year due to the decrease and/or cancellation of many in-person activities.

FUNDING

SOUCS is funded in large part by the Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education. From 2008–2020, over the 12 years of Unified Champion Schools programming, \$111 million in funding has been received from OSEP. Special Olympics state Programs, through their fundraising efforts, have contributed \$120 million in cash and VIK.



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