

2024 REACH REPORT

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



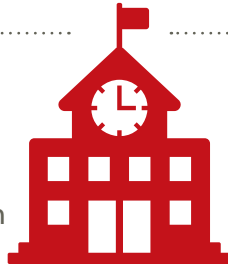
Special Olympics
Unified Champion
Schools®

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

10,842
SCHOOLS

3,587 DISTRICTS

50 STATES + DC
and the Commonwealth
of Puerto Rico



86%

OFFERED TWO OR MORE COMPONENTS

Special Olympics Unified Sports®, inclusive youth leadership, & whole school engagement

803

BANNER SCHOOLS

There are 803 schools across the country that actively hold banner status through the Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools (SOUCS) National Recognition Program. These schools demonstrated commitment to inclusion by meeting 10 national standards of excellence.

22,164

TEACHERS EDUCATED

about SOUCS programming and social inclusion in schools

PARTICIPATING STUDENTS

395,049
SPORTS
PARTICIPANTS



21M
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:

3.8M UNIFIED SPORTS
EXPERIENCES

1.7M YOUTH LEADERSHIP
EXPERIENCES

15.6M WHOLE SCHOOL
ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCES

UCS schools offer on average 3.7 inclusion experiences for each student in the school.

FUNDING

SOUCS is funded in large part by the Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education. From 2008–2024, over the 16 years of Unified Champion Schools programming, \$231 million in funding has been received from OSEP. Special Olympics state Programs, through their fundraising efforts, have contributed over \$219 million in cash and VIK.

\$450M
2008–2024

\$231M From the U.S. Office of
Special Education Programs

\$219M From Special Olympics
State Programs