

2025 REACH REPORT

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



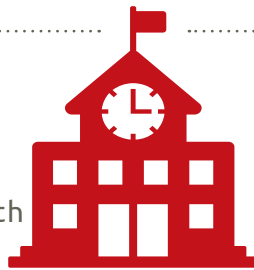
Special Olympics
Unified Champion
Schools®

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

12,247
SCHOOLS

3,847 DISTRICTS

50 STATES + DC
and the Commonwealth
of Puerto Rico



89%

**OFFERED TWO OR
MORE COMPONENTS**

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



BANNER SCHOOLS

There are 795 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.



**TEACHERS
EDUCATED**

about SOUCS programming
and social inclusion in schools

PARTICIPATING STUDENTS

473,289
SPORTS
PARTICIPANTS

21.6M
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:

5.2M UNIFIED SPORTS
EXPERIENCES

1.6M YOUTH LEADERSHIP
EXPERIENCES

14.7M WHOLE SCHOOL
ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCES

UCS schools offer on average 3.35 inclusion experiences per student.

FUNDING

SOUCS is funded in large part by the Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education. From 2008–2025, over the 17 years of Unified Champion Schools programming, \$267 million in funding has been received from OSEP. Special Olympics state Programs, through their fundraising efforts, have contributed \$258 million in cash and VIK.



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