

# 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

**795**

### 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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State Programs