



Special Olympics  
**Unified Champion  
Schools**

# Research Overview



**97%** of **high school seniors** say that **Unified Champion Schools** activities are changing their **school for the better**.



**84%** of **students** generally regard **participation** in the program as a **positive turning point** in their lives.



Participating in **Unified Sports** or a Unified Club provides high school students (61%) with opportunities to get to know a peer with ID which in turn leads to **friendship (94%)**.



**96%** of students without ID who participate in Unified Champion Schools would feel comfortable **carrying on a conversation with a student with ID**



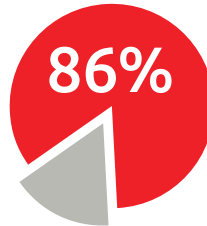
**89%** report they would feel comfortable **sitting with a student with ID at lunch**



**87%** report they would feel comfortable **working on a school project with a student with ID**



School staff who lead the **Unified Champion Schools** program within their school feel that the program is **valuable** for their school.



of school staff feel that Special Olympics Unified Schools program has made a **big impact in reducing bullying and teasing** in their schools.



Preliminary evidence suggests that **Unified Champion Schools perform better** than other schools on most school climate dimensions such as **respect for diversity, social and civic learning, and school connectedness and engagement**.

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## Unified Champion Schools

ELEMENTARY &  
PRE-SCHOOLS

MIDDLE  
SCHOOLS

HIGH  
SCHOOLS



Colleges/ Universities  
Offering College Clubs



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*Offered Year Round*



Youth Summits  
*Hosted Every Year*

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