



Special Olympics

Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools®

Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools (UCS) programs achieve better outcomes for all students – those with and without intellectual disabilities (ID) – and for communities as well.



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UCS programming is in:



10,000+ schools



3,587 school districts



50 states, D.C., and Puerto Rico



3.8 million fitness and sports experiences were available to students in UCS schools during the 2023-2024 school year.



Greater than 92% of voters believe UCS programs are important.¹



9 in 10 voters believe UCS programs are excellent or good value for their tax dollars.²



Multi-year UCS programming is linked to higher standardized test scores, GPA, and graduation rates for both students with and without ID.



In UCS schools, reading scores were 13.8% higher for students with ID. Reading scores were 14.5% higher for students without ID.



86% of liaisons reported UCS programming increased attendance of students with ID, and 83% reported increased attendance of students without ID.

Answering the challenge: students with ID are 3x more likely to be bullied than their peers.

92% of our UCS liaisons report reduced bullying, teasing, and offensive language.

95% report increased participation of students with ID in school activities.

96% report increased opportunities for students with and without ID to work together.

100% of teachers say UCS eased the transition from middle to high school.

89% report being more confident working with diverse populations of students.

^{1,2} Hart Research Associates (Garin, G. & Naser, R.) for Special Olympics, Inc. Voters' Support for Increasing Federal Funding for Special Olympics Education and Health Programs. USA. 11-14 December 2023. Web.