



# Champions Together

## LAST YEAR . . .

During the 2016-17 school year, 85 schools were awarded the Champions Together “Unified Champion School” banner for achieving all 4 of the Project Unify goals, 87 schools participated in the third annual IHSAA Unified Track and Field State Championship, 107 participating schools raised in excess of \$180,000 for the support of Champions Together activities and 294 schools achieved at least one of the Project Unify goals.

## 2016-17 Unified Champion Schools (85)

Angola  
Bedford North Lawrence  
Beech Grove  
Blackford  
Bloomfield  
Bloomington North  
Boonville  
Brebeuf Jesuit  
Bremen  
Brownsburg  
Canterbury  
Carmel  
Carroll (Fort Wayne)  
Cathedral  
Columbus East  
Crown Point  
Danville Community  
East Noble  
Eastern (Greentown)  
Edgewood  
Edinburgh  
Evansville F.J. Reitz  
Evansville North  
Fishers  
Floyd Central  
Fort Wayne North Side  
Fort Wayne Wayne  
Franklin Central  
Franklin Community  
Franklin County  
Goshen  
Greenwood Community  
Guerin Catholic  
Harrison (West Lafayette)  
Highland  
Homestead  
Huntington North  
Indian Creek  
Jeffersonville  
Kankakee Valley  
Lakeland  
LaPorte  
LaVille  
Lawrenceburg  
Lowell  
Lowell Middle  
Maconaquah  
Madison-Grant  
Marion  
McCutcheon  
Merrillville  
Michigan City  
Monroe Central  
Monrovia  
Mooreville  
Mt. Vernon  
Muncie Central  
Noblesville  
North Knox  
North Putnam  
Oldenburg Academy  
Perry Meridian  
River Forest  
Salem  
Seton Catholic  
Seymour  
Shelbyville  
Saint Joseph (South Bend)  
South Central (Elizabeth)  
South Ripley  
South Spencer  
Southridge  
Taylor  
Terre Haute South  
Tri-West (Hendricks)  
Twin Lakes  
West Lafayette  
Westview  
Westville  
Wheeler  
White River Valley  
Whiteland Community  
Whitko  
Wood Memorial  
Zionsville

## CHAMPIONS TOGETHER BANNER PROGRAM (2017-18 school year)

The Champions Together partnership will provide an “Unified Champion School” banner to all IHSAA member schools that meet the following Project Unify goals:

1. All school sponsored activities must be planned, organized and administered by an **Inclusive Student Leadership** team that strives to do things WITH students with intellectual disabilities NOT FOR them.
2. The school must participate in at least one activity designed around **Whole School Engagement** that promotes and encourages awareness, respect and inclusion of persons with intellectual disabilities.
3. The school must organize and participate in at least one **Unified Sports** activity such as IHSAA Unified Track & Field, Unified Bocce, Unified Flag Football, or Unified Bowling, a Unified practice or clinic, or a Unified competition with students with intellectual disabilities OR local Special Olympics athletes.
4. **Fundraising** - the school must raise a minimum of \$1500 for the Champions Together program.

## IHSAA SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

*Here are some simple rules for IHSAA member schools that conduct Special Olympics fundraisers.*

1. Please contact Jeff Mohler (jmohler@soindiana.org) or Lee Lonzo (LLonzo@ihsaa.org) as soon as you plan a fundraising event so that they can establish a Champions Together fundraising page to monitor your donations and credit your school towards the Champions Together banner award.
2. All funds collected should be deposited in a school account immediately following any event.
3. Within two weeks of the event, a check payable to **SO Indiana** should be mailed to:  
Special Olympics Indiana  
Attn: Jeff Mohler, Champions Together  
6200 Technology Center Drive, Suite 105  
Indianapolis, IN 46278  
The tax ID number is: 35-1262574  
Be sure to include your school name on a note with the check to ensure proper credit.
4. If a school receives a check from a donor payable to Special Olympics, that check should be enclosed with the school check.
5. If the fundraiser includes the sale of merchandise, all proceeds above the cost of the merchandise should be sent to SO Indiana at the address above. Neither the IHSAA nor SO Indiana can be responsible for any expenses associated with fundraisers, including, but not limited to, unrecovered costs of unsold merchandise.
6. Questions? Contact Jeff Mohler (jmohler@soindiana.org) or Lee Lonzo (LLonzo@ihsaa.org).

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF CHAMPIONS TOGETHER

The primary purpose of IHSAA school fundraising for Special Olympics is to support the continued growth and operation of the Champions Together partnership. These funds help support schools by providing grants for Unified Sports, sponsorship of the IHSAA Unified Track & Field Championships, providing the Champions Together School Assembly, hosting school workshops and general support of schools establishing Champions Together Clubs. Through fundraising schools has the power to “pass it forward” by providing additional opportunities for more students to become involved in the **#InclusionRevolution**.

If schools wish to make a ceremonial check presentation SO Indiana will attempt to have a representative in attendance.

**Questions? Contact Lee Lonzo, Champions Together Director and IHSAA Educational Consultant (LLonzo@ihsaa.org).**

## FOLLOW CHAMPIONS TOGETHER

Here are the various ways to follow Champions Together through social media.

- FACEBOOK: facebook.com/ChampionsTogether
- TWITTER: @champstogether
- INSTAGRAM: championstogether
- SNAPCHAT: @champstogether
- YOUTUBE: Champions Together