



Champions Together

2017-18 Unified Champion Schools (88)

Angola
Bedford No. Lawrence
Beech Grove
Blackford
Bloomfield
Bloomington North
Boonville
Borden
Brebeuf
Bremen
Brownsburg
Carmel
Carroll (Fort Wayne)
Cascade
Cass
Central Noble
Clarksville
Columbus East
Columbus North
Crown Point
Danville Community
East Noble
Eastern (Greentown)
Edinburgh
Elkhart Memorial
Evansville North
Fishers
Floyd Central
Ft. Wayne Canterbury
Ft. Wayne North Side
Ft. Wayne Wayne
Franklin Central
Franklin Community
Goshen
Greencastle
Greenwood
Griffith
Guerin Catholic
Harrison (WL)
Highland
Homestead
Huntington North
Indian Creek
Indpls. Cathedral
Jeffersonville
Kankakee Valley
Lakeland
LaPorte
LaVille
Lawrenceburg
Logansport
Lowell
Maconaquah
Madison-Grant
McCutcheon
Merrillville
Michigan City
Mishawaka
Monroe Central
Monrovia
Mooreville
Muncie Central
New Palestine
North Knox
North Newton
North Putnam
Perry Meridian
Plainfield
Plymouth
Salem
Seton Catholic
Shelbyville
SB Riley
SB Saint Joseph
South Dearborn
South Ripley
Springs Valley
Terre Haute South
Tippecanoe Valley
Tri-West Hendricks
Vincennes Lincoln
Warsaw
West Lafayette
Westview
Westville
White River Valley
Wood Memorial
Zionsville

LAST YEAR . . .

During the 2017-18 school year 88 high schools and 6 middle schools were awarded the Champions Together "Unified Champion School" banner for achieving all 4 of the SOI "Project Unify" goals, 90 schools participated in Unified Track & Field, 119 participating schools raised in excess of \$200,000 for the support and expansion of Champions Together activities and 262 schools achieved at least one of the Project Unify goals.

CHAMPIONS TOGETHER BANNER PROGRAM (2018-19 school year)

The Champions Together partnerships with the **Indiana High School Athletic Association** and **Indiana Middle Level Education Association** (Champions Together in the Middle) will provide a "Unified Champions School" banner to all partnership member schools that meet all of 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 of the **Unified Sports** activities such as IHSAA Unified Track & Field or Unified Flag Football, SOIN Unified Bocce or Unified Bowling, a Unified practice or clinic, or a Unified competition with students with intellectual disabilities OR local Special Olympics athletes.
4. **Fundraising**—a school must raise a minimum of \$1500 (high school) or \$750 (middle school) for the support and expansion of Champions Together programs.

IHSAA SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

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

1. Please contact Mike Hasch (mhasch@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: Mike Hasch, 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 Mike Hasch (mhasch@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 have 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 Mike Hasch, Director of Programs (mhasch@soindiana.org) or 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