



# Champions Together

## 2018-19 Unified Champion Schools (94)

**Bedford North Lawrence +**  
**Beech Grove +**  
 Bishop Chatard  
**Blackford +**  
 Bloomfield  
 Bloomington North  
 Bloomington South  
 Boonville  
**Borden +**  
**Brebeuf Jesuit +**  
 Bremen  
 Brownsburg  
**Carmel +**  
 Carroll (Fort Wayne)  
 Cass  
**Center Grove +**  
 Columbus East  
 Columbus North  
 Covington  
 Crawfordsville  
 Crown Point  
 Danville  
**DeKalb +**  
 East Noble  
**Edinburgh +**  
 Elkhart Memorial  
**Evansville Harrison +**  
**Evansville North +**  
**Fishers +**  
 Floyd Central  
 Fort Wayne Canterbury  
 Fort Wayne North Side  
**Franklin Central +**  
 Franklin Community  
**Goshen +**  
 Greencastle  
 Greensburg  
 Griffith  
**Guerin Catholic +**  
**Harrison (WL) +**  
**Highland +**  
**Homestead +**  
 Huntington North  
**Indian Creek +**  
**Jimtown +**  
 Kankakee Valley  
 Knightstown  
 Knox  
 Kokomo  
**LaPorte +**  
 Lawrenceburg  
**Lowell +**  
 Maconaquah  
 Madison-Grant  
 McCutcheon  
 Merrillville  
**Mishawaka +**  
**Monrovia +**  
**Mooresville +**  
**Mount Vernon (Posey) +**  
 Muncie Central  
**New Castle +**  
 New Haven  
 North Knox  
 North Newton  
 North Putnam  
 Northview  
 Norwell  
**Perry Central +**  
**Perry Meridian +**  
**Plainfield +**  
 Plymouth  
 Rushville Consolidated  
**Salem +**  
 Shelbyville  
 South Bend Riley  
 South Bend Saint Joseph  
 South Dearborn  
 South Newton  
**South Ripley +**  
 Speedway  
 Springs Valley  
 Terre Haute North  
 Terre Haute South  
 Tippecanoe Valley  
**Tri-West (Hendricks) +**  
**University +**  
 Valparaiso  
**Vincennes Lincoln +**  
 Wabash  
**West Lafayette +**  
 Westville

+ 50th Anniversary Golden Banner Winner

## LAST YEAR . . .

During the 2018-19 school year 94 high schools and 9 middle schools were awarded the Champions Together "Unified Champion School" banner for achieving all four (4) of the pillars, 90 schools participated in Unified Track & Field, 176 participating schools raised in excess of \$200,000 for the support and expansion of Champions Together activities and 439 schools achieved at least one (1) of the Unified Champion Schools goals. There were a total of 45 schools including high school and middle who earned the 50th Anniversary golden banner.

## CHAMPIONS TOGETHER BANNER PROGRAM (2019-20 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 (2) 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
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).

**Be sure to include your school name on a note with the check to ensure proper credit.**

## 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 Unified Champion Schools (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: ChampionsTogether
- TWITTER: @champstogether
- INSTAGRAM: championstogether
- SNAPCHAT: @champstogether
- YOUTUBE: Champions Together