

2021-2022 REACH REPORT

Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools® in the U.S.



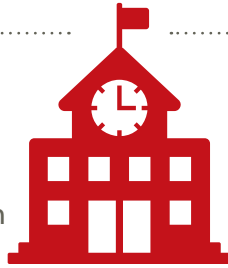
Special Olympics
Unified Champion
Schools®

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

8,358
SCHOOLS

3,043 DISTRICTS

49 STATES + DC
and the Commonwealth
of Puerto Rico



67%

OFFERED TWO OR MORE COMPONENTS

Special Olympics Unified Sports®, inclusive youth leadership, & whole school engagement



683

BANNER SCHOOLS

683 schools across the country have reached national banner status through the Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools (SOUCS) National Recognition Program since its inception in 2016. These schools demonstrated commitment to inclusion by meeting 10 national standards of excellence.



14,871

TEACHERS EDUCATED

about SOUCS programming and social inclusion in schools

PARTICIPATING STUDENTS

251,044
SPORTS
PARTICIPANTS



19.5M
TOTAL INCLUSIVE
EXPERIENCES

Unified Sports in schools, including inclusive Young Athletes program, Unified Sports competitive, Unified Sports player development, and Unified Sports recreation, have resulted in:

2.3M UNIFIED SPORTS
EXPERIENCES

423,868 YOUTH LEADERSHIP
EXPERIENCES

16.8M WHOLE SCHOOL
ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCES

UCS schools offer on average 4.5 inclusion experiences for each student in the school.

FUNDING

SOUCS is funded in large part by the Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education. From 2008–2022, over the 14 years of Unified Champion Schools programming, \$164 million in funding has been received from OSEP. Special Olympics state Programs, through their fundraising efforts, have contributed \$165 million in cash and VIK.



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