



Special
Olympics
Northern California



SCHOOLS
PARTNERSHIP
PROGRAM

Become a Unified Champion School

A Special Olympics Northern California Unified Champion School promotes inclusion and acceptance on campus and is recognized by participating in three main components during a school year: Unified Sports, Inclusive Youth Leadership and Whole School Engagement.



What Is Unified Sports?

Unified Sports brings together students with and without intellectual disabilities to play on the same teams. It was inspired by a simple principle: that training and competing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding.

Unified Athletes are students receiving Special Education services

Unified Partners are students receiving General Education services

What Is Inclusive Youth Leadership & Whole School Engagement?

- Inclusive Youth Leadership is when young people with and without disabilities are given opportunities to be leaders in their schools and communities.
- Whole School Engagement is a youth-centered, school-focused initiative that activates all students to promote a campus culture of acceptance and social inclusion.

Activities of a Unified Champion School

Unified Sports

- ☐ Bring a Unified Team to a competition
- ☐ Practice sports with general education peers
- ☐ Inclusive P.E.
- ☐ Young Athletes Day

Inclusive Youth Leadership

- ☐ Inclusive Buddy Club
- ☐ Student Council involvement
- ☐ Student volunteering
- ☐ School Youth Activation Committee

Whole School Engagement

- ☐ Fans in the Stands
- ☐ Unified Sports rally
- ☐ RESPECT Campaign
- ☐ Ability Awareness Day
- ☐ Youth Summit

Participate in at least one activity from each category during a school year and your school will earn Unified Champion School status!

Let's get started! Contact us at schools@sonc.org to start becoming a Unified Champion School

