

2020-2021 REACH REPORT

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



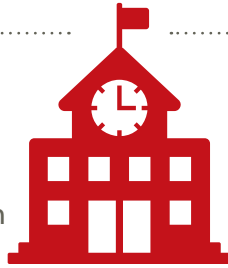
Special Olympics
Unified Champion
Schools®

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

7,329
SCHOOLS

2,795 DISTRICTS

49 STATES + DC
and the Commonwealth
of Puerto Rico



71%

**OFFERED AT LEAST
TWO COMPONENTS**

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



BANNER SCHOOLS

567 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.



**TEACHERS
EDUCATED**

about SOUCS programming
and social inclusion in schools
*15% increase despite COVID-19
challenges*

PARTICIPATING STUDENTS

218,981
SPORTS
PARTICIPANTS



8.3M
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:

2.1M UNIFIED SPORTS
EXPERIENCES

222.431 YOUTH LEADERSHIP
EXPERIENCES

6.1M WHOLE SCHOOL
ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCES

This report is for the 2020-2021 school year, thus reflecting engagement during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. While some of these numbers show slight reductions from the previous year due to the decrease and/or cancellation of many in-person activities, overall engagement has continued to grow. These numbers show the resilience of educators and students, and enduring dedication to inclusion.

FUNDING

SOUCS is funded in large part by the Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education. From 2008–2021, over the 13 years of Unified Champion Schools programming, \$133 million in funding has been received from OSEP. Special Olympics state Programs, through their fundraising efforts, have contributed \$142 million in cash and VIK.



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