SPECIAL OLYMPICS UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS IS.... aimed at promoting social inclusion through intentionally planned activities affecting school-wide change. These activities equip young people with tools and training to create sports, classroom and school climates of acceptance, respect and understanding.

WITHIN UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS...
- students with and without intellectual disabilities are provided opportunities for participation in physical activities and building positive peer relationships across the school setting.
- students with and without intellectual disabilities are provided opportunities to interact with their peers and to personally learn and grow.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?
A school implements three main components, all of which are intertwined with each other in a cohesive effort to increase social inclusion throughout the school.

ATHLETES
- Special Olympics Montana Young Athletes - ages 2-7
- Special Olympics Montana Sports - ages 8 & beyond
- Special Olympics Unified Sports® - ages 8 & beyond.

Register an Athlete! www.somt.org/athletes/

Whole School Engagement: awareness and educational activities that promote inclusion to reach the entire student body.

Inclusive Youth Leadership: students of all abilities working together to lead and plan advocacy, awareness and other inclusive activities throughout the school year.

Inclusive Sports: a fully inclusive sports or fitness program that combines approximately equal numbers of students with and without intellectual disabilities, such as Special Olympics Unified Sports, Interscholastic Unified Sports, Young Athletes™, Unified PE, or Unified Intramurals.

By offering a combination of inclusive sports and youth leadership opportunities, as well as a variety of activities that engage students throughout the school, the school community as a whole has a part in building a socially inclusive school climate.
WHAT WE DO
TRANSFORM LIVES THROUGH SPORTS
Sports is a powerful force. It can shift the focus from disability to ability, from isolation to involvement. We offer competition in 18 Olympics-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

JOIN OUR TEAM!
Start a competitive Special Olympics Program for athletes in your school.

Special Olympics Montana offers opportunities for school age teams all over the state to compete against each other at local, regional, and state level competitions in 18 different sports. These competitions allow your athletes the opportunity to represent their school, compete, be amongst their peers and show off their abilities to the world!

To start a program in your school please reach out to our office. Our staff will walk you through the process as well as provide training to your volunteers.

Special Olympics Montana also offers support and opportunities to fundraise in order to allow your team to be self-sustaining.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- Coaching
- Unified Partner
- Medical Support
- Recruiting
- Volunteer Management
- Area Management
- Public Relations
- Fundraising
- Day of Volunteer
- Event Management
- Officials
- Marketing

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