Unified Sports® is a registered program of Special Olympics that unites students with various abilities through team competitions. Through a season, friendships are formed and positive attitudes continue off the field and into the school environment.

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Kansas Unified® Sports League

The Kansas Unified Sports League (KUSL) is a program of Special Olympics Kansas. Student volunteers act as mentors to peers with intellectual disabilities to train and compete in interscholastic competition.

High Schools and Middle Schools create Unified teams of equal parts students with intellectual disabilities (Special Olympics athletes) and students without (volunteer partners). Over 8 weeks, they practice together, creating friendships, improving fitness and developing leadership skills. They compete in at least two competitions against other Unified teams in 5v5 matches.

Unified Sports is actively expanding to schools throughout the state of Kansas. We currently offer **bocce** in Winter, **soccer** in Spring and **basketball** in Fall. Sign up your school today! You’re guaranteed to change two lives: yours and an athlete’s!

### Upcoming Dates

- **Oct 13** – Basketball Matches @ Washburn Rural
- **Oct 20** – Basketball Matches @ SME HS
- **Nov 3** – Basketball Tournament @ Gardner HS
- **Dec 1** – Bocce Practice Begins
- **Late Jan** – Bocce Matches @ TBD
- **Late Feb** – Bocce Tournament @ TBD
- **March 1** – Soccer Practice Begins
- **Mid-April** – Soccer Matches @ TBD
- **May** – Soccer Tournament @ TBD

### Schools

| Aubry Bend MS | Lansing  | SM East |
| BV North     | Lawrence | SM Northwest |
| BV Northwest | Mill Valley | SM South |
| BV Southwest | Olathe East | SM West |
| BV West      | Piper     | Spring Hill |
| Bonner Springs | Pleasant Ridge MS     | Washburn Rural |
| Clark MS     | Prairie Star MS     |
| Gardner      | Schlagle  |
| Harmon       | Seaman    |

If you don’t see your school listed above, take the initiative and contact Chris Burt at burtc@ksso.org

### Sporting Club Network

Members of the Kansas Unified Sports League also join the Sporting Club Network, and have exclusive access to Sporting Kansas City activities and opportunities, including clinics, coach education, and ticket discounts.

### Join TODAY!

**COACH** - No particular experience necessary. Special Olympics provides training upon request. Teams suggested to have 3 coaches, including a staff liaison. Contact Chris Burt if you want to coach.

**PLAY** - Are you a Special Olympics athlete or a volunteer who wants a whole new volunteer experience? Either way, start a team at your school. We have a student guidebook to help start the program. This is a very unique program that can transform your school.

**BE A FAN** - No sporting event is complete without fans in the stands. Bring your friends and your cheering voice to the next competition. You can even count it towards volunteer service hours.

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