2019-20 Unified Champion Schools Application
Please complete this application and return it to Taylor Obersteadt via email at obersteadtt@ksso.org, fax 913-236-9771, or mail 5280 Foxridge Dr., Mission, KS 66202. Questions? Contact Taylor at 913-236-9290 ext. 117.

**SCHOOL INFORMATION**

School District:

School Name:

Street Address:

City/State/Zip:

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

School Coordinator:

Email Address:

Cell #:

Work #:

Principal Name:

Principal Email:

Athletic Director Name:

Athletic Director Email:

Local programs must have Medical/Release forms on file with SOKS on every athlete before allowing them to participate in any Special Olympics activity, practice, event, etc.
UCS Grant Request

Contact Taylor Obersteadt before filling out this form to discuss available funds and the requested usage.

Date: _____ / _____ / __________

Please check which of the following sports you plan to offer this year:

☐ Soccer
☐ Basketball
☐ Bocce

School: __________________________________________________________

Name:___________________________________________________________
(to whom check will be made)

Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________
(where check is to be sent, include City/State/Zip)

Amount Approved by SOKS: $_____________

Funds will be distributed in two payments. First payment to start programming and second after implementation of all three components. Reporting is mandatory for funding and must be completed once per semester.

Planned use of funds (receipts must be provided upon request):

Cost Share (what are you budgeting/providing, what is being donated/fundraised):

By signing this, I agree to use the funds and complete reporting as specified above or return funds given to Special Olympics Kansas.

_________________________________________ _________________________________________ ______________
(Print Name)      (Signature)      (Date)
The 3 Components of Unified Champion Schools

To be a Unified Champion School, you must do at least 1 activity that fits into each of the 3 components during the school year. Check your choices or write in your own idea below.

COMPONENT 1: Inclusive/Unified Sports
Select at least one
- Unified or inclusive PE class
- Special Olympics Young Athletes (for 2-7 years olds, pre-K, Head Start, or Elementary School)
- Unified Recreational or Intramural Sports (ex: kickball)
- Unified Player Development Sports (ex: students without intellectual disabilities helping Special Olympics athletes train for local competitions)
- Unified Competitive Sports (equal number of students with and without intellectual disabilities (ex: Unified Track and Field, Unified Basketball)
- Other/Create Your Own:

COMPONENT 2: Inclusive Youth Leadership
Select at least one
- Unified Club
- Inclusive Student Council
- Peer Buddies
- Youth Volunteers
- Lunch Buddies
- Other/Create Your Own:

COMPONENT 3: Whole School Engagement
Select at least one
- Respect Week Campaign
- Fans in the Stands
- Pep Rally
- Youth Fundraising Campaign
- Any awareness campaign
- Other/Create Your Own:
Unified Champion Schools
Letter of Agreement

I am pleased to endorse Unified Champion Schools at ______________________________________.
We recognize that the Unified Champion Schools concepts and its many initiatives positively impact the school community as a whole. This approach complements the objective of our educators and our youth to create a school climate of respect and tolerance for all students and more specifically those with intellectual disabilities.

As a Unified Champion School, we agree to implement one or more of the following:
1. Develop and implement a Unified Sports program involving students with and without intellectual disabilities.
2. Implement youth leadership/youth activation opportunities.
3. Participate in whole school engagement.
4. Designate a school based liaison to work with Special Olympics Kansas. This person will act as the main point of contact for the school concerning all Unified Champion Schools activities. This liaison will be required to provide a status update on activities taking place at your school(s) once per semester.

In turn, it is understood that Special Olympics Kansas will:
1. Provide consultation, education, support and technical assistance for sports programs and activities that promote inclusion, acceptance, respect and dignity for all students.
2. Provide resources to support school based Unified Champion Schools activities.
3. Provide training resources.
4. Provide Special Olympics Kansas and Unified Champion Schools processes, materials, schedules, athlete, volunteer, Unified Sports Partner paperwork, General Rules, etc.
5. Provide resources such as press releases, media information to introduce and promote programs.
6. Provide resources and support for Respect Week campaigns, fundraising, and youth leadership activities.
7. Provide branding materials and logos.
8. Promote your school(s) as a Unified Champion School.

Print Name of School Administrator    Signature of School Administrator    Date

Print Name of School Coordinator    Signature of School Coordinator    Date
Energized by the pride and power of teamwork, Special Olympics Kansas provides individuals with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to be an athlete, and so much more, through acceptance, inclusion, physical fitness, health and nutrition programs, and leadership development.