



Letter of Intent 2023-2024

This letter is a formal expression of our school's commitment to the inclusion, acceptance, and respect of all students through the implementation of Unified Champion Schools. Our students and teachers will make efforts to continually improve as an inclusive community for everyone, especially students with Intellectual Disabilities (ID). Students with and without ID will be empowered to lead the efforts to improve the climate at our school with teacher and administrative support.

Name of School: _____ Date: _____

District: _____ NCES Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Office Phone: _____

Administrator (Principal or VP) Printed Name: _____

Administrator (Principal or VP) Signature: _____

Administrator (Principal or VP) Email: _____

Liaison Printed Name: _____

Liaison Signature: _____ Liaison Title: _____

Liaison Email: _____ Liaison Cell Phone: _____

TOTAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: _____ COUNTY : _____

Unified Champion Schools activities are made up of three components:

- **Inclusive Sports:** Sports participation involving people with and without intellectual disabilities.
- **Youth Leadership:** Newly formed clubs or an existing school club that plans/carries out activities.
- **Whole School Engagement:** Campaign(s) to encourage acceptance of people with intellectual disabilities and educate students about this population through pledge drives and other school activities.

As a school/district, we understand that to receive monetary support and other resources from Special Olympics Mississippi, we must participate **in at least 1 activity in each component**. Please select the activities your school would like to participate in.

Unified Sports

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Unified Kickball | <input type="checkbox"/> Unified Basketball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unified Flag-Football | <input type="checkbox"/> Unified Bocce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unified Cheerleading | <input type="checkbox"/> Unified Cornhole |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unified Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> Unified Golf |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unified Relay Race (Track and Field) | <input type="checkbox"/> Unified Bowling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unified PE | <input type="checkbox"/> Unified Field Day |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

Other Opportunities

- Young Athletes (Ages 2-PreK)
- Unified Health/Fitness. Choose all that apply below:
- Fit 5
- Unified Walking Club
- Other:
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Youth Leadership

- Unified Club/Partners Club (Open enrollment like other on-campus clubs.)
- Youth Activation Council (8 members or fewer with and without Intellectual Disabilities. This group works together throughout the year to educate, motivate, and activate youth to become agents of change in their communities and advocate for the respect, inclusion, and acceptance of all people, regardless of abilities)
- Youth Leadership Experience

Whole School Engagement

- Spread the Word: Inclusion (March Event) **Special Olympics Mississippi will provide free materials for this event.**
- Special Olympics focused Pep Rally
- Disability Awareness Event (e.g., Autism Awareness, Down Syndrome Awareness)
- Other Respect Campaigns or Awareness Events

All Unified Champion Schools **are required** to:

- Complete an online survey at the end of the academic year. (**After confirmation of completion**, the teacher liaison will receive a stipend.)
- Submit a brief monthly report before the 15th of every month (September-May). This can be done by via email.
- Use the Special Olympic Mississippi logo and the Unified Champion Schools (UCS) logo on all printed material. Tag us in all social media posts, etc., that involve UCS programming. (**Twitter** @SOMississippi, **Facebook** SpecialOlympicsMississippi, **Instagram** @SOMississippi)

Please return (email and/or fax) the completed form to:

Special Olympics Mississippi

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