

# Unified Champion Schools

## *How to become a Unified Champion School (UCS)*

If your school is interested in becoming a Unified Champion School, please follow the steps below. This guide provides an overview of what's involved in the process. Once you complete the intake form, Special Olympics Ontario will send you detailed information, including links to resources and coaching courses.

### STEP 1

[Click here](#) to fill out our intake form

### STEP 2

Review Unified Champion School resources, the Special Olympics Information Guide, and complete the Unified coaching course

### STEP 3

Meet with Special Olympics staff members to ask questions, plan for the school year, and learn more about the program.

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### STEP 4

Complete registration and UCS application.  
Determine how your school will participate in the three pillars of UCS.

### STEP 5

Develop your leadership team, organize your students, view our resources and get started!

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# Examples of how to implement Unified Programming

## Unified Sport and Health:

- Have a Unified team participate in a local qualifier or sports festival
- Have a Unified team participate in an intermediate event, athlete showcase or pilot sport event
- Implement SOO Unified Physical Education (UPE) in your school
- Host or volunteer at a school's Unified event (qualifier, festival, showcase, sport pilot etc.)
- Organize a school Unified intramural league
- Have at least 1 coach complete SOO's Unified coach training
- Participate in the SOO health week
- Attend one healthy athlete event, screening, or virtual session

## Youth Leadership:

- Establish a Unified council or Unified integration/partnership with current councils
- Implement a student coach program
- Unified leadership training completion by all registered Unified Partners
- Organize an SOO Unified Club (of any kind)
- Present on Special Olympics to other schools, school board etc.
- Create a Unified Partner training/mentorship program

## Whole School Engagement:

- Run a non-sport related social activity (e.g., movie night, game night, etc.)
- Organize a fundraising event for SOO (e.g., bake sale, penny auction, polar plunge, etc.)
- Recognize your Unified members during an assembly
- Run a Spread the Word campaign, having students sign the #NoGoodWay pledge
- Participate in inclusion week
- Organize a pep rally
- Support efforts for your school board to sign a memorandum of understanding with Special Olympics to support UCS programs in your community

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