PARTICIPATE

Take Action

1 Research Local Programs

Check out Unified Sports programs Contact the Athletic D

- through Special Olympics Texas or your local school district.
- Visit <u>Special Olympics Texas</u> <u>Website</u> for more information.

3 Complete Registration

- Fill out and submit all required forms, including medical and consent forms.
- Provide any needed documentation.

5 Prepare for Participation

- Obtain any required sports equipment or uniforms.
- Ensure your child has any necessary medical clearance.

7 Get Involved

 Consider volunteering or supporting the program in any way you can.

2 Contact Program Coordinators

- Contact the Athletic Director, Special Education director, special education advocate, and teacher during the ARD meeting.
- Contact Unified Sports program coordinators for registration, eligibility, and requirements details.
- Ask about specific deadlines and necessary forms.

4 Attend Orientation

 Join orientation meetings to learn about the program's goals, rules, and expectations.

6 Engage in Training

 Attend practice sessions to get familiar with the sport and meet teammates.

8 Stay Connected

 Keep in touch with the program coordinator for updates and information.

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Additional information

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National Standards to become a Unified Champion School:

- Elementary
- Middle and High School
- College



Make sure your school is certified via National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS):

Certifying your school through NFHS enhances athletic programs by improving quality, athlete experiences, and coach development. It aligns programs with national standards, promotes safety and inclusion, and offers valuable resources. This certification elevates your school's athletic programs and benefits the entire school community.



Speak with the school board

Discuss your child's needs, funding for the sport, and the coach's salary during ARD meetings. The only individuals who have to agree are the administration and the parents.

