



**Fall - 2023**

**Unified Sports® Interscholastic Basketball  
Application Form**

***Deadline: Friday, June 23rd, 2023***

**School Name:**

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**School Address:**

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***Principal:***

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**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Signature:**

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**Date:**

***Athletic Director:***

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**Email:**

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***Coach:***

**Phone:**

**Email:**

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***Unified/Friendship Club Advisor:***

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**Email:**

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***Liaison/Coordinator\*:***

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**Title at School:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

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*Please provide name and address for grant check if other than high school name and address.*

*\*Liaison/Coordinator oversees the three component of the Unified Champion Schools Program*

**Please return form to:**

**Kathleen Lutz at [Kathy.lutz@specialolympicsma.org](mailto:Kathy.lutz@specialolympicsma.org)**

**Special Olympics Massachusetts (SOMA) 512 Forest Street, Marlborough, MA 01752**

**Phone: 508-485-0986 Fax: 508-481-0786**

***Signatures on this application are a formal expression of your school's commitment to a program of inclusion, acceptance and respect of all students through the implementation of the 3 components of Unified Champion Schools. Please see next page for the requirements of your school.***



Special Olympics  
Unified Champion  
Schools



Special Olympics Massachusetts in partnership with the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA), Massachusetts School Administrators' Association (MSAA) and the Massachusetts Association of Student Councils (MASC) work to provide and promote climates of dignity, respect, and inclusion in schools for students with and without intellectual disabilities.

**Unified Sports® Interscholastic Basketball Team Criteria**  
*Each checkbox is a required element for Unified Champion Schools.*  
*Schools are encouraged to add to this list. Liaison oversees these components.*

**UNIFIED SPORTS**

- Unified Sports® Basketball Team – Following rules and guidelines of SOMA & MIAA
- Participate in practices and regular season interscholastic games.
- Participate in season ending Jamboree.
- Unified Team and members receive recognition at assemblies/events along with other varsity sports
- Participate in survey evaluation process May

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP and YOUTH ACTIVATION**

- Attend Youth Leadership Conference featuring Schools & Unified Sports® training
- Create or support a Unified Club.
- Promote inclusive leadership opportunities on other clubs, and foster leadership skills.

**WHOLE SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT**

- Organize & conduct a Spread the Word: Inclusion campaign event that includes the whole school community

**Unified Sports® Interscholastic Basketball**

**March**

- School Approval

**Grant Funding**

**New schools will receive \$2000 for first year; \$1000 for second year; and self-sustaining the third year. Active schools starting a 2<sup>nd</sup> Unified Sport are eligible for a 1 time \$1000 grant with a 3-year commitment**

***Funds are limited to Unified Champion Schools related programs & initiatives below:***

- Equipment/uniforms for Unified Basketball team
- Transportation expenses to UCS Unified Sports® Interscholastic Basketball League in-person
- Stipends for Coach-Coordinators / Faculty-Advisors
- Other reasonable Unified Champion Schools related expenses with prior approval