

HOW TO BECOME A

STATE BANNER SCHOOL

Special
Olympics
Oklahoma



Special Olympics
Unified Champion
Schools

STEPS TO STATE BANNER RECOGNITION

1. Special Olympics Oklahoma Unified Sport: A fully-inclusive sports or fitness program that combines an approximately equal number of students with and without intellectual disabilities.

State Banner School achievement standards:

- Must organize and participate in at least ONE Unified Sport throughout the school year.
- An adult coach for the sport has received state training on the Special Olympics Unified Sport.
- The Unified Sport is officially recognized by the school in a similar style as other athletics/activities.

EXAMPLES:

- Interscholastic Unified Sports
- Unified PE
- Unified Intramurals

2. Inclusive Youth Leadership: Students with and without intellectual disabilities work to lead advocacy, awareness, inclusion and other Special Olympics activities throughout the school year.

State Banner School achievement standards:

- A Unified Club/student group offers leadership opportunities/training for students with and without intellectual disabilities.
- The inclusive group/club meets at least once per month through out the school year.
- The inclusive club/group has an adult liaison and is officially recognized by the school in a similar style as other clubs/activities.

EXAMPLES:

- Partners Club
- Unified Club
- Inclusive Student Council

3. Whole School Engagement: Awareness and education activities that promote inclusion and reach the majority of the school population.

State Banner School achievement standards:

- Must hold at least ONE whole-school engagement activity per school year.
- Students with and without intellectual disabilities are involved with the planning and leading the awareness activities.

EXAMPLES:

- Spread the Word to End the Word Campaign
- Pep Rallies
- Fans in the Stands
- Student Fundraising

4. School Leadership Team: (This is different than Inclusive Youth Leadership.) This team is built of administration, teachers, and students with and without intellectual disabilities.

State Banner School achievement standards:

- Have a representative from each grade level of high school students and at least two teachers and one administrator.
- Must be in contact with Middle School, and in search Freshman year, to fill freshman spot by December of current school year.

IMPORTANCE:

This team is to ensure sustainability over upcoming years in case of transition of teacher or administration that was running the program.



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All schools earning the State Banner Recognition will receive their banners, first year, and an additional year added to the banner for all following years. Special Olympics Oklahoma staff will be present for the awarding of the State Banner Recognition for the first year. Following years, the banner is to be sent back to SO Oklahoma state office and the following year will be attached to the banner and sent back to the school.

NAME OF SCHOOL

STATE BANNER RECOGNITION

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EXAMPLE OF STATE BANNER

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