

SONC Local Committee School Liaison Chair



All Unified Champion Schools incorporate the following three components in a way that creates meaningful inclusion for students with intellectual disabilities in their school community.

- **Inclusive/Unified Sports** – A fully inclusive sports or fitness program that combines students with and without intellectual disabilities. Examples include: Unified PE, Unified Intramural Sports, Unified Interscholastic Sports, and Unified Recreational Sports.
- **Youth Leadership** – Students with and without intellectual disabilities work to lead awareness, Unified Sports, advocacy, inclusion and other Special Olympics activities throughout the school year. Examples include: Unified Special Olympics Club, Inclusive Student Council, Inclusive Key Club.
- **Whole School Engagement** – Host awareness and education activities that promote inclusion and reach the majority of the student population. Examples include: spread the word to end the word rallies, Fans in the Stands and student fundraising.

UCS Staff Liaison:

- Primary contact for Unified Champion School activities at their school.
- Engage and empower youth leaders to implement the three components of a Unified Champion School.
- Every school is required to designate two (2) staff liaisons (a primary contact and a co-liaison) to support student leaders and be their primary contact for SONC communication
- The staff liaisons can be EC teachers/assistants, PE teachers, school counselors, etc. The staff liaison cannot be a parent or guardian
- Responsible for completing the mandatory mid-term and final reports
- Responsible for completing the year end liaison survey in May/June.

Student Leaders:

- Each school should identify 1 traditional education student and 1 EC student to promote inclusive youth leadership. If school does not offer EC coursework, student leaders must work to provide at least 1 opportunity at their school for students with intellectual disabilities in their community.
- Responsible for planning and implementation of Unified Champion School activities
- Responsible for completing monthly reports to SONC

Administration approval is required to participate in the Unified Champion School program. Schools must provide administration contact. Administration is responsible for supporting staff liaisons and student leaders in Unified Champion School activities.