



OVERVIEW:

In 2008 the landmark Maryland Fitness and Athletics Equity for Students with Disabilities Law was passed. This law ensures students with disabilities are provided with equivalent opportunities in interscholastic sports, physical education, and intramural sports.



Unified Sports® provides a means which brings together students with and without disabilities in a fulfilling inclusive experience. Unified Sports® teams are composed of a proportional number of students with intellectual disabilities, with other types of disabilities, and without disabilities who train and compete together on the same team.



PAST & PRESENT:

In 2009 Special Olympics Maryland hosted the inaugural State High School Unified Track and Field Invitational at Towson University – 242 students from Baltimore City, Charles County, and Frederick County participated.



During the 2015-2016 school year thousands of students from 21 of the 24 public school systems state-wide (Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester) participated in Unified Team Tennis (774), Unified Indoor Bocce (705), Unified Strength & Conditioning (221), Unified Team Track & Field (780), and Unified Outdoor Bocce (814).

— GET INVOLVED —

COMPETE – if you would like to learn more about competing, see your Athletics Director.

VOLUNTEER – If you would like to volunteer, coordinate group volunteer opportunities, sponsor and/or support this and other Special Olympics Maryland programs, please let us know by visiting - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VolunteerMailing>.