

Special Olympics Massachusetts **Schools Newsletter**

Things to Know

- · End-of-the Year Surveys National Banner Applications
- Unified Sports
- YAC Fall Registration

Liaisons - Please Complete Two End-of-the Year

HIGH IMPORTANCE:

Surveys Due June 6th Survey #1:

The Unified Champion Schools Liaison Survey from UMASS

This annual evaluation of the UCS program is required by the Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education is carried out at

multiple levels. They did heed the request to shorten this survey! Each school has a unique link, and the link cannot be shared with anyone other than the listed liaison contact. If you need to collaborate on the survey with

The survey will come from this address (<u>sounifiedchampionschools@gualtrics-</u> <u>survey.com</u>). Please add the survey program's email address to your "safe" sender list" or check your spam folder. Thank you in advance!

Survey #2: **Special Olympics MA Liaison Survey**

This survey provides important information for our local SOMA Team about what your school accomplished this year in the 3 UCS Components: Unified

another person, please email <u>yu.xia@umb.edu</u>

Sports, Inclusive Youth Leadership and Whole School Engagement. This survey confirms your UCS status and helps our team identify how we can support you in the next school year. Fill Out The Survey!

If you have questions, please e-mail schools@specialolympicsma.org

National Banner Application Is Open Until June 2nd!

If you are interested in seeing if your school is a contender for receiving National Banner status, applications are now open until June 2nd at 5:00pm. Eligible applicants are those schools that have been a Unified Champion

School for 2 years or more along with schools from the banner class of 21 renewing their status. • Please read these 10 Middle & High School Standards. Ten standards of excellence were developed by a national panel of leaders in education and Special Olympics. When the standards have been met

by a school, they are eligible to receive national banner recognition.

applying.

Contact schools@specialolympicsma.org before you consider

Apply NOW

MARCH 31st, APPLICATIONS OPEN

*for both NEW schools and schools that are reapplying (every 4 years)

On to Sectionals!

April 11th.

Track and Field Format

Reminders

5/28).

2025 Timeline

JUNE 2nd, 5PM - APPLICATIONS CLOSE

JUNE- STATE SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAMS REVIEW APPLICATIONS JULY- NATIONAL CERTIFYING BODY REVIEWS APPLICATIONS

BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER- SCHOOL NOTIFICATION

SPRING 2026- APPLICATIONS REOPEN

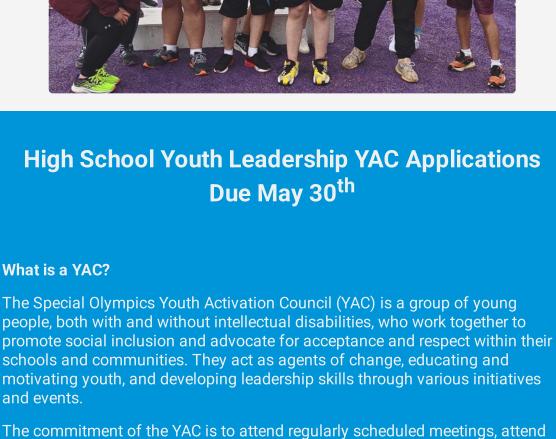


All teams are to complete their Rosters on <u>Unified Google pages</u> – due Sectionals – May 8th through May 15th

Unified Track and Field State championship gear sold here! (and on location Information can be found on the MIAA Unified Track page and 2025 Unified

Please reach out with any questions kathy.lutz@specialolympicsma.org

State Championship Meet May 28th, Rain date June 3rd



SOMA YAC Application Form for 25-26

once a month. Download this form and submit

tokathy.lutz@specialolympicsma.org.

If you have questions, please contact kathy.lutz@specialolympicsma.org

additional speaking engagements, workshops, and plan youth summits. Our group of leaders are from a various schools in Massachusetts and we meet



Due June 13th

season. Please fill out this form before the deadline.

Middle School Playbook

High School Unified Basketball Registration due June 13th

Each season we request each school to fill out their registration ahead of the

Middle School Bocce Registration due June 13th

Register NOW!

High School Playbook