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2023-2024 SONJ UCS Funding Application

We are excited to once again provide the opportunity for eligible New Jersey schools to apply for funding to support Unified initiatives for the 2023-2024 school year.

Many of the criteria for reimbursement have changed from last year; Please be sure to visit our [Year 16 Application Dashboard](#) prior to completing this application.

Please submit a separate form for each school applying for funds.

Email *

ctorbik@gpsd.us

Application Information

I am completing this application with the knowledge and consent of relevant administrators within my school and/or district. *

Agreed

Application Keyword

This was provided during the mandatory webinar. Missed the webinar? You can watch a recording on our dashboard.

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Name of person completing application *

Catherine Torbik

Email address of person completing application *

ctorbik@gpsd.us

School Information

School Name

(please enter your entire school name, i.e. Ramsey High School, not RHS):

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Thomas E. Bowe Middle School

School District

(please enter your entire district name, i.e. West Milford Township Public Schools, not WMTPS or West Milford):

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Glassboro Public Schools

School Mailing Address

7 Mancuso Lane, Glassboro, NJ 08028

School Level *

- Pre-School
- Elementary School
- Middle School
- High School
- College
- Other (please explain)

How many students are enrolled in your school? *

413

School NCES Number *

3405880

How many years has your school received UCS funding? *

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School Contact Information

Principal / Superintendent Name *

Craig Stephenson, principal / Mark Silverstein, superintendent

Principal / Superintendent Email Address *

cstephenson@gpsd.us/ msilverstein@gpsd.us

Business Administrator Name *

Lisa Ridgway

Business Administrator Email Address *

lridgway@gpsd.us

School Leadership Team

Each Unified Champion School will identify a school leadership team composed of student leaders (for MS and HS), two staff liaisons, and a school administrator, all of whom are dedicated to supporting UCS activities and creating a culture of inclusion. If your team has been identified, please enter their contact information below. Otherwise, we will contact you when school begins for this information.

School Liaison Name

Lauren DeGrazia

School Liaison Email

Idegrazia@gpsd.us

School Liaison's Role within School (Special Education Teacher, Principal, Social Worker, Paraprofessional, etc.)

special education teacher

School Co-Liaison Name

Candy Valenti

School Co-Liaison Email

cvalenti@gpsd.us

School Co-Liaison's Role within School (Special Education Teacher, Principal, Social Worker, Paraprofessional, etc.)

PE Teacher

School Administrator Name

Catherine Torbik

School Administrator Email

ctorbik@gpsd.us

School Administrator Role Within School (Principal, Athletic Director, Dir. of Special Services, etc.)

Director of Special Services

The UCS Grant requires that at least two student leaders serve on your school's leadership team. *

I understand.

Three Components of UCS

Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools is a three-component model that combines Unified Sports, Inclusive Youth Leadership, and Whole School Engagement to create climates of acceptance and inclusion.

In order to receive financial support from Special Olympics New Jersey, my school commits to participate in at least one activity in each of the three components.

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Agreed

How will you promote your Unified activities, events, and opportunities to your students, faculty, and community members?

(School website, school social media, UCS-specific social media, daily announcements, newsletter, school rallies, etc.)

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Glassboro Child Study team will be adding information about Unified to their page during the summer of 2023. Thomas E. Bowe Middle School announces information about the club and information is shared out with students during various SEL sessions. Any time there is an

upcoming event, practice, or meeting, TEBMS includes the Unified information in morning and/or afternoon announcements/reminders. The advisor directly contacts students and parents about events, dates and times. Information about success at events (awards, high scores, recognition) of Unified members is announced during morning announcements along with other sporting event announcements. Unified students are included in pep rallies. If permission is provided for posting, pictures and information is posted on District social media. Stories with pictures are frequently submitted to the local multi-borough newspaper (The Sentinel) and Unified is often featured.

Unified Sports

What Unified Sports opportunities will your students be involved in? Choose all that apply. *

- Interscholastic Sports Team(s)
- Intramural Sports Team(s)
- Unified PE
- Young Athletes
- Unified Recess
- Field Day or Game Day
- eSports
- Fitness activities or demonstrations

Please describe your school's Unified Sports plan.

What will be offered? When? How does your plan create Unified opportunities for your students and contribute to a culture of inclusion at your school?

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Thomas E. Bowe Middle School would like to continue with our bowling league. Instead of a "season", students participate on the second Saturday of each month. During bowling season, students will compete with other schools as opportunities allow. During the 2022-2023 school year, no bowling competition was offered in our area. Bowling has been the biggest success for

Unified as the district does not have a bowling team, so students are eager to participate. Additionally our league approach allows for students to participate as the typically "season" approach is an intensity that prohibits students from participating due to other commitments. We would be open to hosting a competition but would need support from UCS in terms of planning. Thomas E. Bowe Middle School would like to continue with the kickball team. The team practices one - two times a month varying from skills practice to game practice. They have not been able to compete however, they have participated in games with the Glassboro High School Unified team and would like to continue this moving forward. Thomas E. Bowe Middle School would like to explore track and field events, however there have not been opportunities for them to participate in meets so no practices have been held. Glassboro would like to explore this opportunity for the middle school students and surrounding schools.

Inclusive Youth Leadership

What Inclusive Youth Leadership opportunities will your students be involved in? Please choose all that apply. *

- Unified Club
- Unified Student Council
- Young Athletes
- Other:

Please describe your school's Inclusive Youth Leadership plan.

How will students with and without intellectual disabilities make decisions, advocate for themselves, and provide awareness and advocacy for all students?

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Our unified club meets 1 - 2 times per month and would continue that approach. The club typically includes an activity that benefits the school, community or club while the team meets to plan. Activities include planning fundraising events and club activities. Our club hosts a Turkey Trot and Turkey Dip fundraising event to coincide with SONJ Turkey Dash. The club plans events, announcements, activities, information/giveaways and hosts a disabilities fair for Choose To Include week. Since the development of Unified club, students are included on the principal committee whenever there is a call for student input. If there is a principal committee called, Unified will continue to participate.

Whole School Engagement

What Whole School Engagement opportunities will your students be involved in? *

- Awareness campaigns such as Spread the Word, Choose to Include, World Down Syndrome Day, or Autism Acceptance
- Respect Campaign/Rally
- Fans in the Stands
- Hosting a Unified Sports competition / game / event
- Fundraising event or campaign for your Unified activities
- Fundraising event or campaign for SONJ
- Unified Sports teams will be introduced and recognized at school assemblies and/or pep rallies
- School or district social media features Unified Sports or Unified Clubs

Please describe your school's Whole School Engagement plan.

What will be offered? When? Who will be involved?

Thomas E. Bowe Middle School has held a Choose To Include week each year. Events and activities are developed by the club and often include: Announcements about various disabilities and/or famous people with disabilities, disabilities fair, and theme days/spirit days. Unified students are included in morning sports announcements and will be included in Pep Rallies.

Self-Sustainability

UCS grants are intended to be used to get your Unified programs up and running so your school and district can see the many benefits and impacts within the school. The goal is that the school/district will eventually fully fund these Unified opportunities.

How will your school or district support Unified programming with funding and/or materials this year?

For example - School pays stipends for coaches, district offsets cost of transportation, school will establish a Unified booster club.

Please include specific percentages or dollar amounts.

Students hold several fundraising events throughout the school year to supplement the work with Unified. This past year the group raised about \$500 through events they planned. Advisors and Administrators donated approximately \$700. Donations were gathered in discounts and food donations as well. It is anticipated that all of these will occur this school year as we put an emphasis on fundraising. Advisors are currently seeking sponsors for some of our events that are no longer supported by UCS but were big draws for the students and the community. The district covers costs for facility use and vehicle use. We often use district supplies and some district funds are used to supplement Unified events. This past year approximately \$1000 was used from local funds towards events.

How will your plan towards self-sustainability advance for next year?

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Director of Special Services will communicate with the Board of Education about the sustainability needs of Unified and ensure that the club and sports are placed on the list for consideration of district funding. Katie Teschlow and I spoke about this process. Students will continue to seek new ways to fundraise and gather donations for use within the club.

Budget

The criteria for reimbursement and eligible expenses from the UCS grant have changed significantly for the 2023-2024 school year. Please visit our Year 16 Dashboard and review the "For Review Prior to Applying" section prior to completing your application.

Each pillar of UCS (Unified Sports, Inclusive Youth Leadership, and Whole School Engagement) has its own section for budgeting.

Unified Sports Expenses

In each of the categories below, please indicate the total amount of funding requested as well as an itemized budget.

Coach Stipends - Total Amount Requested *

\$2000

Coach Stipends - Itemized Budget

For Example:

Basketball Coach \$750

Track Coach \$750

Assistant Track Coach \$500

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2 coaches (all sports all year) \$1000 each

Facility Rental - Total Amount Requested

(only available for interscholastic Unified teams)

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\$1700

Facility Rental - Itemized Budget

For Example:

4 practices at Bowlero \$280

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10 practices at Bowlero \$1500, 2-3 competitions a Bowelro/30strikes \$200

Transportation - Total Amount Requested

(only available for interscholastic Unified teams)

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\$1460*

Transportation - Itemized Budget

For Example:

4 practices at Bowlero \$280

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Driver is \$28/hour: Bowling 13 times \$1260 (*10 of these events can be a shared cost with other district schools, so this would be a district total), 1-2 Kickball events \$200

Officials' Fees - Total Amount Requested

(available for up to 3 competitions per interscholastic Unified sports team)

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\$300

Officials' Fees - Itemized Budget *

one track event

Supplies - Total Amount Requested *

\$500

Supplies - Itemized Budget *

track team shirt - \$150, Kickball or soccer team shirts - \$350

Inclusive Youth Leadership (Club) Expenses

In each of the categories below, please indicate the total amount of funding requested as well as an itemized budget.

Club Advisor Stipends - Total Amount Requested *

\$2000

Club Advisor Stipends - Itemized Budget *

2 advisors for club events, whole school engagement events - \$1000 each

Supplies - Total Amount Requested

Limits include:

Up to \$100 for non-durable goods

Please do not include t-shirts in this category.

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\$100

Supplies - Itemized Budget

Limits include:

Up to \$100 for non-durable goods

Please do not include t-shirts in this category.

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supplies for crafts and decorations for disabilities fair

T-Shirts - Total Amount Requested

Limits include:

Up to \$500 for no more than 75 t-shirts

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\$500

T-Shirts - Itemized Budget

Limits include:

Up to \$500 for no more than 75 t-shirts

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Choose to Include shirts for student running events

Whole School Engagement Expenses

In each of the categories below, please indicate the total amount of funding requested as well as an itemized budget.

Supplies - Total Amount Requested

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\$450

Supplies - Itemized Budget *

Banner \$120, Awards \$30, Give away items (bracelets, candy, themed items) \$300

Total Funding

Total Funding Requested

Should match the total of all categories above

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\$9010

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