

GLASSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monthly Board Items

Date Submitted: 5/14/21

Proposed Effective Date: Summer 2021

Short description (title): Special Olympics Unified Champion School Grant

Submitted by:
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Building:
GHS

Proposed cost/amount:
n/a

ESY:

Funded through:
Unified grant

Grade(s) impacted if any:
9 - 12

Board Action Requested: (informational)

GHS is applying for Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools Grant for the summer of 2021 implementation to include Club activities, Fitness activities and exploration of eSports.

Details and ramifications:

Please see attached grant application and budget.

Club activities would include a few in person activities such as lawn games, build your own ____ kits as well as possible virtual activities such as build your own ____ kits.

Sports activities would include weekly fitness events through use of Special Olympics fitness kits and in preparation for inter district kickball game.

eSports would begin to explore a club option with in person opportunities to play games and potentially initiate inter district gaming.

Positives:

It is the mission of Unified Champion Schools to embrace inclusion and belonging of all students. This is facilitated through accessible activities for all.

Concerns:

Clubs and sports would need access to building/grounds during school hours throughout the summer to host events.

Other Comments:

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Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools
Glassboro High School 2021 ESY Program Funding Application
Project Description

Please summarize your Unified Champion Schools goals for 2020-2021; how will UCS activities lead to greater equity and inclusion in your school community?

Glassboro Public Schools is dedicated to ensuring that all students are guaranteed the right to feel a sense of belonging in their community. It is the goal of the School Leadership Team to provide accessible opportunities for students to actively engage in the school community.

Goal 1) Introduction of the Unified Leaders Club at Glassboro High School School to serve as the student driven leadership within the building for program implementation, Choose to Include week planning and fundraising and to organize activities within the club to promote social connections among all members.

Goal 2) Implementation of summer inclusion activities through the Student leadership club to include both in person and virtual options such as make your own pizza, lego building or other student selected activities.

Goal 2) Introduction of Unified Sports teams through a summer fitness program.

Goal 3) Exploration and potential implementation of Unified eSports club that will hold practice sessions and participate in a culminating eSport event with other Unified Districts.

Briefly describe the special needs population in your school that will be participating as Unified youth leaders and athletes.

Glassboro Public Schools is looking to provide students, often programmed in self-contained settings, increased opportunities to be included in both athletic and leadership roles throughout the school community.

Glassboro High School special needs population includes students in grades 9 – 12+ who have been identified as having intellectual disabilities, cognitive delays or other closely related developmental disabilities with functional limitations in both general learning and adaptive skills.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

How do you plan to implement your Unified Club and inclusive youth leadership and what support will you provide your students in carrying out their Unified programs?

Glassboro High School is interested in introducing the idea of the Unified Club to students for implementation the following school year. To gain interest in the club, summer activities will be offered both virtually and in person to build a base of student interest. Activities may include make your own pizza event, lego building, outdoor lawn games or other student driven activities. Depending on initial student interest one or two teachers will support these events as club leaders, supporting decision making among the students and communication of events.

How will you fulfill the Unified Sports component? (Unified PE, Fitness, Recreation, Competition) What sports will you participate in, what challenges do you anticipate and how will you address them?

Glassboro High School would like to start a summer fitness program. Lead by a PE teacher with the support of the Student leadership club advisors. The groups will meet throughout the summer to complete fitness games and activities using fitness kits. Activities will provide skill building for school year Unified sports events, such as track and kickball.

Challenges for this activity will be the participation level of students over the summer. Glassboro High School will use various communication forms to remind students of the activities and will use "hype" events at the end of the school year to promote participation.

Glassboro High School is eager to begin a Unified eSports league with students taking on leadership roles in presenting to administration on the benefits of this group. As a potential first-year recipient of the Play Unified School Partnership Grant, students will work with the District tech committee to explore potential eSports options.

Challenges for this activity would be funding for equipment as well as ensuring appropriate infrastructure exists for gaming. Funding sources through various title monies is being considered with some possible use of student owned equipment for virtual interactions. Once the infrastructure needs are established, based on purchased equipment, administration will support the discussion with IT to plan for infrastructure upgrades. Students are already in contact with some schools about potential competitive play and administration will work with surrounding districts to support this activity.

What is your plan for engaging your whole school? How will you incorporate the Choose to Include Week campaign?

Glassboro Public Schools has a PR specialist that helps communicate events and celebrations that are occurring within the district out to the district and to the Glassboro community, through websites, social media and traditional media. This will allow for exposure of the Unified philosophy to a variety of stakeholders increasing interest in inclusive opportunities.

Working with the School Leadership teams, Choose to Include Week will be incorporated into the calendar. The Student Leadership Club will develop activities, announcements, and events that will be supported at the building level to promote Choose to Include Week. Both education and fun/competitive

activities will be incorporated into the week. Student athletes will be included in pep rallies and celebrations throughout the school year.

As Unified activities grow, students will be encouraged to share their experiences at other club meetings, parent advisory meetings and other school sponsored events as appropriate.

Do you plan on collaborating or playing other schools in your district or area? If so, explain how.

Through prior work experiences, Glassboro High School will easily be able to collaborate with Lindenwold Public Schools, Kingsway and Delsea Regional Schools. In addition, proximity and shared services with Clayton Public Schools will be used to support collaborative efforts among Unified activities.

It is the hope of Glassboro High School to initiate a summer kickball event with Lindenwold High School.

Is your school currently involved in a Special Olympics New Jersey traditional training program?

Glassboro Public School is currently not involved in the Special Olympics program. The District seeks to initiate involvement with Special Olympics through the development of its Unified Sports program.

Describe your plan for making your UCS programs sustainable. How will you support the Unified Champion School activities when SONJ funding ends?

Glassboro Public Schools seeks grant funding through the Special Olympics of New Jersey (SONJ) to support the planning, development and implementation of a Unified Sports program. It is the District's intent to sustain the program beyond the initial funding support through additional grant opportunities, community fundraising and local funds.

Glassboro High School has already begun the process of establishing the Student Leadership Club as an activity offered through the Board of Education. As the club gains interest, local funds will be considered to support this activity.

Students have initiated an interest in eSports and it has been proposed at an administrative level for exploration.

What are your plans for fundraising? Will you participate in the Cool School Challenge Plunge and Turkey Dash in November 2020?

Buildings will work with the Student Leadership Club and parent advisories to support fundraising efforts. Since it is the intent of the district to maintain Unified activities beyond the support of SONJ, the Student Leadership Club will take on some of the responsibility on determining appropriate fundraisers for the community, such as car wash, bake sales and other donation collections. Glassboro Public Schools is receptive to participating in the Cool School Challenge Plunge and/or Turkey Dash as appropriate for the community.



Special Olympics
Unified Champion
Schools



Type Name of School or District Here: Glassboro High School ESY

2020-2021 Play Unified Budget Justification

LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4) = (1)+(2)+(3)	(5)	(6) = (4)+(5)
Coach Stipends	Fitness coach (1 x \$500)	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Adviser Stipend	Coordinator for ESY (2 x \$500)	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
District Coordinator Stipend							
Transportation	driver cost for kickball against Lindenwold and	\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
Facility Rental							
Fees							
Supplies	virtual/in-person activities including make own		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
T-shirts	Glassboro HS Unified T-shirts for members of	\$ 240.00			\$ 240.00		\$ 240.00
Equipment	Fitness kits (10 @ \$33.60) from Flaghouse. Soft	\$ 543.00			\$ 543.00		\$ 543.00
Water/Snacks	water for fitness days (\$20 x 5 days)	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Uniforms	kickball medals for culminating activity (2 schools,	\$ 120.00			\$ 120.00		\$ 120.00
TOTAL		\$ 2,653.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 3,153.00	\$ -	\$ 3,153.00

Play Unified Line Item Definitions 2018-2019

Coach Stipends - We are no longer stipulating \$1,500 for coaching stipends or \$500 Club Adviser stipends. We ask Adviser Stipend - We are no longer stipulating \$500 Club Adviser stipends. We ask each applicant to work within District Coordinator Stipend - Districts can request up to \$3,000 to cover a district-wide facilitator
Transportation - To and from Unified Sports practices and competitions, as well as Special Olympics New Jersey
Facility Rental - For developmental, recreational or competitive Unified Sports, including bowling, fee, and youth
Fees - Costs related to running or participating in Unified Sports, officials, NSIBA event registrations and events
Supplies - Club activity and sports supplies, limited at \$500 per school. No more than \$100 can be allocated toward T-shirts - Unified Club shirts can be purchased only for the members. Choose to include Campaign shirts are
Equipment - Directly related to your Unified Sports and Inclusive Physical Education program. The funding cannot be Water/Snacks - For Unified Sports events and club meetings; all food purchases MUST be pre-approved by SONJ
Uniforms - Unified school-based sports only, not to be used for SONJ LTP (Local Training Program) programs. We are
Program Cost Share - Any contribution your school makes to the Play Unified initiatives including space.



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Type Name of School or District Here: Glassboro High School eSports

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District Coordinator Stipend							
Transportation							
Facility Rental							
Fees							
Supplies							
T-shirts	Glassboro HS Unified T-shirts for members of	\$ 180.00			\$ 180.00		\$ 180.00
Equipment	equipment to initiate eSports league. Including	\$ 3,000.00			\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
Water/Snacks							
Uniforms							
TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 4,180.00	\$ -	\$ 4,180.00	\$ -	\$ 4,180.00

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