



## How to Launch Unified Sports, Track & Field (A Guideline for NSAA Schools)

### NOW:

- Get faculty on board & educate (Superintendent, Principal, Special Education Department, Athletic Dept.)
- Form a school group/committee that will volunteer to launch Unified Sports, Track & Field (Supt., Special Education Dept., Community Member(s), Coaches). Find the right people that will help take the ownership and run with the vision.
- Market and promote the Unified Sports, Track & Field program in your school & community through pep assemblies, newsletters, school websites, social media, organizational meetings, and the NSAA website
- Meet with Special Education Department to identify athletes
- Meet with teachers, sponsors, and coaches to identify partners
- Create and implement an interest survey amongst your high school students &/or community

### MARCH:

- Simultaneously to your interest survey, work and communicate with local school administrators indicating the needs surrounding the program:
- Facilities
- Transportation (# of practices per week)
- Costs
- Equipment
- Rental Fees
- Coaches
- Uniforms
- Coaches (will need proper NSAA coaching certifications)
- Insurance (verify local district level liability insurance coverage)
- Practice dates/time
- Additional local level needs pertaining to interested student athletes
- Assimilate survey data, share with school administrators, and proceed forward with the positive results
- Plan for your own Unified Sports, Track & Field meet OR combine with an existing Track & Field meet ([YouTube Video](#)).