

Parent Letter Unified Sports

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Fresno Unified and Madera Unified School Districts are working together in partnership with Special Olympics to start a Unified Sports Program consisting of Soccer, Basketball, and Track. Dedicated to promoting social inclusion through shared sports training and competition experiences, Unified Sports joins students receiving special education services and their general education peers on the same team. It was inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding. The sport we will be playing this season is **Basketball** and your student is invited to be part of the team!

Athletic Packets:

All athletes and unified partners must complete an athletic packet prior to the start of the first practice. This includes a current sports physical.

Practices:

Practices will be held during the season 2- 3 days a week. Practices will be held during the school day during lunch or during the universal access physical education class.

Games:

The students will participate in one game per week for 6 weeks. Students will have the opportunity to travel to other local schools within the two leagues to compete. Games will begin at 3:00 and last until approximately 5:00 pm. The schedule for the basketball games are as follows:

League & Game Dates:	NYL: (Fresno, Hoover, McLane, Roosevelt, & Sunnyside)	CMAC: (Bullard, Edison, Madera, & Madera South)
Game 1: Wednesday, March 14	Roosevelt vs. Fresno McLane vs. *Hoover (Host Site) Sunnyside- BYE	Edison vs. Madera Bullard vs. *Mad South (Host Site)
Game 2: Wednesday, March 21	McLane vs. *Sunnyside (Host Site) Fresno vs. Hoover Roosevelt- BYE	Edison vs. Bullard Mad South vs. *Madera (Host Site)
Game 3: Wednesday, April. 4	McLane vs. *Roosevelt (Host Site) Hoover vs. Sunnyside Fresno- BYE	Bullard vs. Madera Mad South vs. *Edison (Host Site)
Game 4: Wednesday, April 11	Fresno vs. *McLane (Host Site) Sunnyside vs. Roosevelt Hoover- BYE	Edison vs. Mad South Madera vs. *Bullard (Host Site)
Game 5: Wednesday, April 18	Roosevelt vs. Hoover Sunnyside vs. *Fresno (Host Site) McLane- BYE	Madera vs. *Mad South (Host Site) Edison vs. Bullard
CMAC/NYL Showcase: @ Hoover Wednesday, April 25	Crossover Games between 2 leagues	

We are excited to begin a new Special Olympic Unified Sport as Basketball. We sincerely hope that you would consider taking advantage of this opportunity and allow your child to participate. Thank you

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