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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw4w9WgXcQ)).