

SBISD SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2019

Dear Parents,

In middle and high school, your child may be eligible to participate in Special Olympics. We would like to encourage you to take the necessary steps to enroll your child in the program. We will be participating in bocce and bowling for the 2019-20 school year. Our hope is that bocce and bowling will allow all students of varying disabilities to participate.

Special Olympics forms and additional information can be found on our website:

<https://www.springbranchisd.com/about/departments/academic-performance/student-support-services/special-education/special-olympics>

We will need two forms returned before your child is eligible.

- 1) **Special Olympics Athlete Enrollment Release Form**- signed by physician and by parent or legal Guardian. (Spanish version is for translation only)
- 2) **Parents Contact Information Form**

Practice is held two days a week after school. There will be certified Special Olympics coaches as well as volunteers at the practice. Competitions are held on weekends, but may be held during practice time or early evening. Each sport has an Area Competition which is among many teams in the Houston area. Your child will either be in an individual skill competition or will participate in team competition. Either way, there will be a competition for both groups at the AREA Competition where medals and ribbons will be awarded.

Parents are responsible for picking up athletes by 4:30pm sharp at the practice location. All athletes will be bussed to the practice location by their home school on practice day.

Parents are responsible for bringing athletes to off-campus games and meets as well as any Saturday competitions. If an athlete cannot make it to Saturday competitions, then he/she will not be able to participate in practices.

Please email or text Virginia Meyer by September 9th, to confirm your child's participation in Bocce and /or Bowling.

Once you turn in your forms, your child is eligible for both sports.

Return these forms to either of the two SBISD persons below:

- 1) Your child's teacher at your campus
- 2) Mail to:
Shannon West, SBISD Special Olympics coach
2100 Shadowdale
Houston, TX 77043
Or email Shannon.west@springbranchisd.com

If you have any questions, please contact one of the coaches below. We look forward to working with you and your student next year. Remember that this an activity at which your child can succeed and can have lots of fun.

Special Olympics Coaches:

Ginny Sandlin, 832-647-6266, or Virginia.sandlin@springbranchisd.com

Shannon West, 210-872-3301, or Shannon.west@springbranchisd.com

Jenny Meyer, 832-573-8653, or Virginia.meyer@springbranchisd.com