



Killeen Independent  
School District  
**Special Olympics**

**Killeen ISD Special Olympics**

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"TALKIN' TURKEYS"



It's a Bowling Thing.  
You wouldn't Understand!



KILLEEN I.S.D.

***"Let me win. But if I cannot win,  
let me be brave in the attempt."***

## Killeen Independent School District Special Olympics

### **Vision:**

Special Olympics Texas aspires to be the premier provider of Special Olympics training and competition in the world. The organization strives to be cutting-edge, approaching each endeavor with a single intent to improve the quality of life for the athletes.

### **Mission:**

The mission of KISD Special Olympics is to provide sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for persons with intellectual disabilities. Student athletes are given continuing opportunities to increase physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and improve social skills. These opportunities provide friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

An athlete must be at least eight years old and identified with an intellectual disability with functional limitations in both general learning and adaptive skills. Killeen ISD Special Olympics provides training and competition opportunities for its eligible students in the district, beginning at age eight, and continuing through graduation.

Those athletes under the age of eight may train with the team but cannot participate in competition. There is another program for the early childhood population called Young Athletes in Training.

### **Training:**

Certified coaches and volunteers conduct training, Monday evenings at Ellison High School from 5:30-7:00 p.m. (Feb –May) for track & field. The team has several opportunities to participate in local meets in preparation for Area 12 District Games and Chapter (State) Games. There are social activities (Christmas Parade, Valentine's Dance and End of Season Celebration) for the *athletes to enjoy*.

### **Benefits:**

Our athletes are training for life through practice and competition. The social skills developed through interaction with others can lead to a lifetime of benefits that include employment, independent living, and enhanced physical fitness. Families have the opportunity to see their athlete excel in sports activities, develop life skills, make life-long friends and form decision-making and leadership skills that will increase their independence.

### **Volunteers:**

Volunteers and parents are the lifeline for the Killeen ISD's Special Olympics program.

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