



# PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNIZED AS AN ESPN HONOR ROLL SCHOOL

*1 of 3 Unified Champion Schools in the Nation Selected to be Featured on ESPN*

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**Perth Amboy, New Jersey** – Perth Amboy Public Schools is proud to announce that Perth Amboy High School has been recognized as an ESPN Honor Roll recipient in the Northeast Region. This is following Perth Amboy High School being awarded the Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools National Banner. Additionally, the school was selected as one of three schools nationwide to be featured on an ESPN broadcast, which will be airing in the Spring of 2024.

*“It is certainly an honor to be recognized as a Special Olympics Unified Champion School. This recognition speaks about our unrelenting commitment to foster equity and inclusion in this world. We are proud, and we want to acknowledge our students for their success and our staff for their ongoing support,”* stated Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools.

Special Olympics honors educational institutions which are committed to making schools and the world socially inclusive for all. The District’s soccer, basketball, and track Unified Sports teams combine approximately equal numbers of students with and without disabilities. These are competitive teams that follow all New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) rules and regulations, and they are coached by a staff member trained in Special Olympics Unified Sports.

Perth Amboy High School achieved the ten standards of excellence qualifying the school to receive this National Banner recognition. Some of the standards of excellence focus on: Unified Sports, Inclusive Youth Leadership, Whole School Engagement, and Sustainability. An inclusive club, "All In," offers leadership opportunities for students with and without disabilities and creates a safe place for all students to feel connected and engaged with school activities.

Along with this honor, Special Olympics will be awarding the District with \$5,000 to support the program. Unified Sports will be one of many District programs that will continue at the new Perth Amboy High School, a 576,000 square foot, state-of-the-art, inclusive educational facility set to open in the Fall of 2024.

### About Perth Amboy Public Schools

The Perth Amboy Public School District, located in the City of Perth Amboy, is a historic 4.5 square-mile municipality resting along the shores of the beautiful Raritan Bay in Middlesex County. Our District provides a comprehensive and rigorous education for more than 11,000 students in grades Pre-K through 12. For more information, please visit our website at [www.paps.net](http://www.paps.net).

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