

Started in 2014, the Allied Sports Program began with a high school soccer team and has since seen tremendous growth. It now includes three separate sports seasons for high school and transition teams: Bowling in the fall, Special Olympics Basketball in the winter, and Soccer in the spring.

Allied Sports is a co-ed interscholastic program that provides athletic opportunities for students with disabilities who may not otherwise be able to participate in general athletic programs. Athletes work together on a team with student coaches to engage in physical fitness, build social skills, and develop positive peer relationships while competing against other local schools.

Many important people make up this program. The teams are coached by Eric Billittier and Kristi Pawlicki. Athletes include students at both Mundelein High School and the D120 Transition Center. The Transition Center includes students aged 18-22 who graduated from high school and have chosen to continue receiving the educational services for which they are eligible. Therefore, we have athletes ranging in age from 14-22. Student coaches, also known as peer leaders, volunteer their time to work with the athletes at practices and competitions.

This is an incredible program that ensures every student has an opportunity to join a team! We always accept new athletes and student coaches! For more information, contact Coach Billittier <u>efbillittier@d120.org</u>