

JeffCo Athletic Fee: Where does it go?

Participation numbers for Jefferson County Athletics during the 2021-22 school year were 11,152. This number represents the total number of student-athletes that participated in one or more of the 26 sports offered in Jefferson County. Individual sport participation ranged from a high of 1,417 in football, to a low of 19 in softball.

The athletic participation fee collected for all sports is deposited into the district's general fund to help offset a portion of the operating expenses for Jefferson County Athletics.

Revenues brought in from participation fees (\$1.61 million), gate receipts and ticket sales in 2021-22 were approximately \$1.04 million and the total expenses were \$8.96 million. The district's general fund paid for the additional \$6.37 million to meet the operating expenses of the athletic budget. Although sport costs vary widely, participation fees are standard and not sport specific.

Listed below are areas which are covered by the district athletics budget. With ongoing budget cuts, it is often necessary for schools to supplement their athletic budget with fundraising.

- Coaching and Activity Sponsor Stipends
- Supplement Schools' Equipment and Supplies Budget
- District Administrative Costs
 - Personnel
 - Office operating expenses
- Stadium Operating Expenses
 - Personnel
 - Maintenance
- CHSAA Fees
 - School membership
 - Sport Fees
- Awards
 - All Conference Plaques
 - League Champion Plaques
 - Medals & ribbons
- Athletic Trainers
- Security
 - School sites
 - Stadium venues
- Transportation
- Officials
 - Regular Season
 - Post-Season
 - Officials Assignors
- Game workers
 - School sites
 - Stadium venues