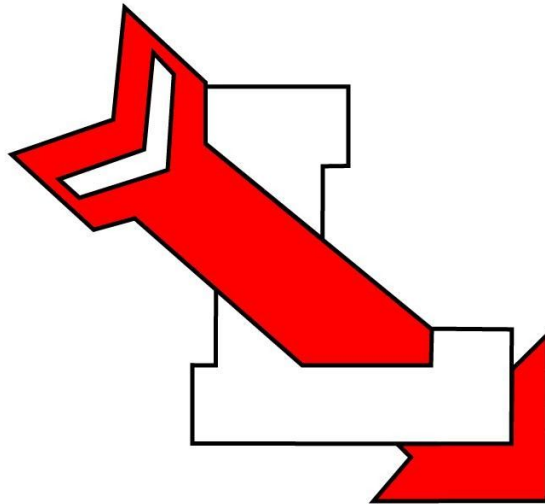


LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

2019-20



ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by: Deanne K. Crowley, CAA

District Athletic Director

Lowell Area Schools

TO: Superintendent Greg Pratt & Lowell Board of Education
FROM: Dee Crowley, CAA
DATE: July 30, 2020
RE: 2019-20 End of Year Report

Our student-athletes of 2019-20 faced many challenges -- from TripleE mosquito games moved to earlier start times (such as 5:00 pm varsity football games); winter student-athletes preparing to compete in MHSAA State Finals being canceled on the last possible day (Gymnastics and Boys Swim); spring season being postponed for 3-4 weeks and eventually canceled.

Our student-athletes of the 2019-20 school year have continued to build on the tradition of the past while raising the bar higher for future generations of Red Arrows. As with previous years, student-athletes have continued to reap the benefits of participation in interscholastic athletics, including character, discipline, leadership, teamwork and sportsmanship. The coaches at Lowell Area Schools continue to expect our student athletes to be quality citizens, model students and hard-working athletes.

The Athletic Department has many people to thank for its continued success this year -- all coaches at all levels who work tirelessly with our student-athletes, game/event managers and workers, the athletic boosters, Justin Scott and Joel Fritsma (social media assistants), Curt Cummings, Sean Mandle, Scott Rollins, Tim Bergy, Steve Turnbull, Kara Mrozinski, Rhonda Fosburg, Betsy Maki, Kimberly Perry, Ashley Velzen, Craig Veldman, Gail Hutchinson, Steve Gough, Patrick Russell, Dustin Cichocki, Greg Pratt, and the many other volunteers, parents and staff members who continue to offer support and guidance.

As you will see in the attached pages, Lowell High School had another very successful year in athletics. The following 2019-20 Annual Report provides data and information from the Athletic Department, including academic and athletic accomplishments, GPA comparisons, Title IX information, and budget analysis.

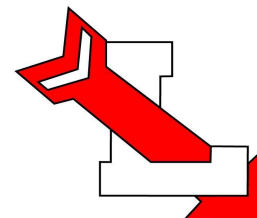
Overall, I am extremely proud of our student-athletes, coaches and community. Go Red Arrows!

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanne K. Crowley

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Lowell High School Athletics

Academic Accomplishments

- Football earns MHSFCA Team Academic All State Top 4 with avg GPA of 3.969
- Girls Volleyball earns MIVCA Team Academic All State recognition
- Boys Soccer earns MIHSSCA Team Academic All State recognition
- Boys Tennis earns MHSTeCA All-Academic Team and ranked #13 of 69 teams in Division 2
- Girls Golf earns MIGCA Team Academic All State recognition with 3.524 avg GPA
- Wrestling team earns MWA Team Academic All-State Honors with 3.91 GPA and #2 Team GPA in the state across all teams and all divisions
- Gymnastics team earns Academic All-State honors
- Competitive Cheer earns Team Academic All State Honorable Mention with 3.29 avg GPA
- Girls basketball team earns BCAM Team Academic Honorable Mention in Division 1 with 3.43 average GPA
- The following 31 students earned individual Academic All State recognition:
 - Bernie Diekevers, soccer
 - Brett Evink, soccer
 - Ian O'Strander, soccer
 - Nolan Smith, soccer
 - Ezra Stadt, soccer
 - Jared Sweet, soccer
 - Sebastian Ssymanski, soccer
 - Kambry Kloosterman, volleyball
 - Mattie Torline, volleyball
 - Meghan Meyer, volleyball
 - Brennan Pawloski, football
 - Andy Anschutz, football
 - Grady McDonald, football
 - Grant Pratt, football
 - Marlie McDonald, gymnastics
 - Aubri Lemke, gymnastics
 - Paige Barnhart, gymnastics
 - Greta Forward, gymnastics
 - Kira Jungblut, gymnastics
 - Katy Hock, gymnastics
 - Marissa Wever, gymnastics
 - Neely Bardwell, competitive cheer
 - Phoebe Looman, competitive cheer
 - Nora Jannenga, competitive cheer
 - James Fotis, wrestling
 - Jacob Hough, wrestling
 - Grant Pratt, wrestling
 - Ethan Hall, baseball
 - Grady McDonald, baseball
 - Krin Beach, softball

- Kaia Zimmerman, softball
- Nine students received MHSAA scholar-athlete recognition
 - Marissa Berg
 - Hannah Diamond
 - Samantha Peterson
 - Lucas Cossar
 - Ben Kinnucan
 - Grady McDonald
 - Brennan Pawloski
 - Grant Pratt
 - Nolan Smith
- 68 students received OK Conference Scholar Athlete recognition
 - Andy Anschutz
 - Brandon Baker
 - Neely Bardwell
 - Krin Beach
 - Marissa Berg
 - Lauren Booth
 - Mary Buechler
 - Jacob Cleaver
 - Lillian Cooper
 - Jennifer Cooper
 - Lucas Cossar
 - Savannah Crace
 - Olivia DeCator
 - Logan DeKok
 - Hannah Diamond
 - Bernie Diekevers
 - Miles Droski
 - Brett Evink
 - James Fotis
 - Ember Fox
 - Aaron Fritsma
 - Anna Gaskin
 - Madison Halfmann
 - Braiden Hamilton
 - Khloe Hayes
 - Jacob Hough
 - Dawson Jankowski
 - Collier Kaufman
 - Mya Kaywood
 - Aidan Kelley
 - Ben Kinnucan
 - Alex Kleinedler
 - Connor Kleinedler
 - Kambry Kloosterman
 - Kara Korcek
 - Lucas Kramer

- William Kuhns
 - Brianna Lachowski
 - Keegan Laux
 - Phoebe Looman
 - Jena Lyon
 - Natasha Marsh
 - Grady McDonald
 - Meghan Meyer
 - Nigel Mika
 - Steven Moore
 - Ian O'Strander
 - Dominik Peplinski
 - Samantha Peterson
 - Alex Pollock
 - Grant Pratt
 - Breyden Race
 - Cade Rogers
 - Eliana Sandman
 - John Sherman
 - Nolan Smith
 - Austin Smith
 - Mitchel Snarski
 - Cade Solomonson
 - Ezra Stadt
 - Logan Staley
 - Caleb Swart
 - Zach Swart
 - Sebastian Szymanski
 - Mattie Torline
 - Skylar Young
 - Stephanie Zalis
 - Kaia Zimmerman
- 27/39 students who graduated Summa Cum Laude were participants in athletics as a senior

Varsity Team Athletes with 3.0 GPA or Higher

<u>Fall Sports</u>	<u>% of Team Athletes with GPA of 3.0 or greater</u>	<u>Team Average GPA</u>
Boys' Cross Country	24/26 - 92%	3.62
Boys' Soccer	14/19 - 74%	3.38
Boys' Tennis	10/12 - 83%	3.62
Football	24/33 - 73%	3.40
Fall Cheer	17/21 - 81%	3.34
Girls' Cross Country	13/15 - 87%	3.62
Girls' Golf	11/12 - 92%	3.65
Volleyball	10/11 - 91%	3.65
Girls' Swim & Dive	4/5 - 80%	3.61
<u>Winter Sports</u>	<u>% of Team Athletes with GPA of 3.0 or greater</u>	<u>Team Average GPA</u>
Boys' Basketball	9/13 - 69%	3.43
Boys' Bowling	8/14 - 57%	3.08
Boys' Swim	2/3 - 67%	3.29
Hockey	5/6 - 83%	3.36
Wrestling	28/48 - 58%	3.20
Girls' Basketball	8/10 - 80%	3.52
Girls' Bowling	8/10 - 80%	3.41
Competitive Cheer	15/20 - 75%	3.33
Gymnastics	12/14 - 86%	3.55
Ski		
<u>Spring Sports</u>	<u>% of Team Athletes with GPA of 3.0 or greater</u>	<u>Team Average GPA</u>
Baseball	11/14 - 79%	3.28
Boys' Golf	11/13 - 85%	3.59
Boys' Lacrosse	18/22 - 82%	3.47
Boys' Track	44/59 - 75%	3.34

Crew	9/15 - 60%	3.03
Girls' Lacrosse	15/21 - 71%	3.45
Girls' Soccer	17/20 - 85%	3.60
Girls' Tennis	14/15 - 93%	3.59
Girls' Track	32/38 - 84%	3.49
Shooting	10/12 - 83%	3.26
Softball	11/13 - 85%	3.49

Grade Point Averages

	Female Athletes (by Grade)	Female Student Body (by Grade)	Female non-athletes (by Grade)		Male Athletes (by Grade)	Male Student Body (by Grade)	Male non-athletes (by Grade)
9th	3.35	3.09	2.90	9th	3.30	3.04	2.72
10th	3.39	3.11	2.89	10th	3.19	2.86	2.51
11th	3.55	3.22	3.01	11th	3.37	3.08	2.82
12th	3.51	3.29	3.15	12th	3.46	3.07	2.73
Overall Avg	3.45	3.18	2.99	Overall Avg	3.32	3.01	2.70

Athletic Celebrations, Significant Accomplishments and Highlights

- Volleyball was MHSAA Division 1 State Runner-up, including MHSAA District and 1st time Regional Champions
- Volleyball was back-to-back OK White Conference Champions with 12-0 record
- Volleyball set new school record with overall record of 55-4
- Meghan Meyer and Jenna Reitsma named MIVCA 1st Team All State; Sophie Powell 2nd Team All State; and Emma Hall 3rd Team All State
- Caleb Swart breaks 30-year record with new fastest time of 16:01 breaking previous record of Coach Clay VanderWarf
- Caleb Swart was selected as ESPN 96.1 Meijer Prep Athlete of the Week for Boys Cross Country
- Boys Cross Country team had Top 5 finishes in all invitationals -- including 1st place at Hesperia Invite, Bredeweg Invite, Sparta Invite, and Bob Perry Memorial Invite -- and placed 4th as a team at MHSAA Regional and 2nd in OK White
- Girls Cross Country team placed 3rd in OK White and 8th at MHSAA Regional
- Caleb Swart and Ben Kinnucan qualified for MHSAA Cross Country State Finals
- Football team qualified for Division 3 MHSAA playoff with finished with 5-5 overall record; 4-2 in OK White conference

- Andy Anschutz named GR MLive 2nd Team Offense and Logan Staley named GR MLive 2nd Team Defense; Grant Pratt named GR MLive Honorable Mention Defense
- Boys Soccer team finished tied for 2nd in OK White with 7-4-1 conference record
- Ezra Stadt named All District, All Region and Honorable Mention All State for Boys Soccer
- Braiden Hamilton, Ben Thompson and Nate Ryan named All District for Boys Soccer
- Boys Tennis finished 3rd in OK White and overall record of 8-2-2
- Girls Golf won the Sparta Invitational and had Top 10 finishes at TK Invite, Lakewood Invite and St. Johns Invite and finished 5th in MHSAA Regionals
- Equestrian team won MIHA Division A State Championship, including MIHA District and Regional Championships
- Girls Swim & Dive team finished 3rd at OK Rainbow Conference and included five (5) Lowell team members
- Austin Douma named MSHCA Honorable Mention All State (Forwards)
- Collin Clark places in Top 8 in the MHSAA Division 2 Boys Bowling Individual State Finals
- Courtney Witten places in Top 30 in the MHSAA Division 2 Girls Bowling Individual State Finals
- Neely Bardwell was named to the 2nd Team All District for Competitive Cheer; ShiLeigh Shepard was named Honorable Mention Team All District
- Competitive Cheer scored their highest overall score of 697.64 this season
- Jena Lyon was named to the BCAM TEAM First list (girls basketball)
- Wrestling won its record-setting 7th consecutive MHSAA Division 2 State Championship, including District and Regional Championships
- Wrestling won the OK White Conference Championship
- Austin Boone won MHSAA Wrestling Individual State Championship for 4th consecutive time and is only the 2nd wrestler in MHSAA history to win 4 Individual State Championships and 4 Team State Championships
- 14 wrestlers qualify and compete at MHSAA Individual Wrestling Finals – Zeth Strejc, James Fotis and Keegan Nugent 2nd place; Jacob Lee and Tyler DeLooff 3rd place; Nick Korhorn and Will Link 4th; Doak Dean 5th; Dawson Jankowski 7th; Jacob Hough 8th; and all earn All State recognition. Ramsy Mutschler, James Link and Grant Pratt were Individual State qualifiers
- James Fotis, Dawson Jankowski, Will Link, James Link, Austin Boone, Doak Dean, Jacob Lee, and Zeth Strejc are MHSAA Regional Champions
- Gymnastics Team qualifies for MHSAA Team State Finals for 5th time
- Six gymnasts qualify for MHSAA Individual State Finals -- Marissa Wever, Kira Jungblut, Greta Forward, Ivy McDonald, Taeghan Ronchetti, and Aubri Lemkie
- Boys Swim & Dive wins Rainbow Tier 2 OK Conference Championship
- Kaylee Byrne qualifies and places 3rd in Women's Slalom at MHSAA Ski State Finals and earns All State honors
- Colton Byrne qualifies for Men's MHSAA Ski State Finals
- 20 students will continue their education and participate in collegiate athletics:
 - Collier Kaufman, Tennis, Pine Grove College
 - Gibson Raimer, Lacrosse, Trine University
 - Audrey Conrad, CC/Track, Cornerstone University
 - Kyleigh Rau, Basketball, GRCC
 - Grant Pratt, Football, Alma College
 - Andy Anschutz, Football, Alma College
 - Kayla VanOosten, Cheer, Adrian College
 - Marissa Berg, Lacrosse, Bethel University
 - Jennifer Cooper, Lacrosse, Bethel University

- Molly Frederickson, Lacrosse, Hope College
 - Sam Peterson, Lacrosse, Alma College
 - Krin Beach, Softball, GRCC
 - Cade Solomonson, Football, Alma College
 - Kenzie Jordan, Softball, Aquinas College
 - James Fotis, Wrestling, Michigan State University
 - Austin Boone, Wrestling, Penn State University
 - Nick Korhorn, Wrestling, Findlay University
 - Meghan Meyer, Volleyball, Northern Michigan University
 - Logan Staley, Football, Michigan Tech University
 - Caleb Swart, XC/Track, Grand Valley State University
- 46 student-athletes earned OK White All Conference honors:
 - Ben Kinnucan, Cross Country
 - Cole Weston, Cross Country
 - Caleb Swart, Cross Country
 - Audrey Conrad, Cross Country
 - Lexy Kapcia, Girls Golf
 - Evan Groeneweg, Boys Soccer
 - Braiden Hamilton, Boys Soccer
 - Ezra Stadt, Boys Soccer
 - Nate Ryan, Boys Soccer
 - Will deVoest, Boys Tennis
 - Collier Kaufman, Boys Tennis
 - Logan Staley, Football
 - Cade Solomonson, Football
 - Matt Stephens, Football
 - Grant Pratt, Football
 - Andy Anschutz, Football
 - Keegan Laux, Football
 - Meghan Meyer, Volleyball
 - Jenna Reitsma, Volleyball
 - Sophie Powell, Volleyball
 - Brett Spanbauer, Boys Basketball
 - Molly Frederickson, Girls Basketball
 - Emma Blakie, Bowling
 - Courtney Witten, Bowling
 - Collin Clark, Bowling
 - Sydney Hults, Competitive Cheer
 - Nora Jannenga, Competitive Cheer
 - Mikayla Keller, Competitive Cheer
 - Katy Hock, Gymnastics
 - Ivy McDonald, Gymnastics
 - Austin Douma, Hockey
 - Kaylee Byrne, Ski
 - Colton Byrne, Ski
 - Alexander Pollock, Boys Swim
 - Austin Boone, Wrestling

- Carter Blough, Wrestling
- James Fotis, Wrestling
- Jacob Hough, Wrestling
- Easton Lyons, Wrestling
- Dawson Jankowski, Wrestling
- Doak Dean, Wrestling
- Ramsy Mutschler, Wrestling
- Jacob Lee, Wrestling
- Zeth Strejc, Wrestling
- Will Link, Wrestling
- Keegan Nugent, Wrestling
- Meghan Meyer and Austin Boone were named Athletes of the Year.

Tournaments Hosted at LHS in Addition to Regular Season Events

- Individual Wrestling District and Regional for MHSAA
- Freshman and JV Volleyball Tournaments
- Bob Perry Memorial Cross Country Invitational
- Gary Rivers Memorial Wrestling Invitational

Participation

- LHS sponsored 20 varsity funded interscholastic athletic programs
- LHS offered 9 non-funded interscholastic athletic programs (Girls and Boys Bowling, Hockey, Girls and Boys Swim & Dive, Girls and Boys Lacrosse, Crew, Shooting Club)
- LHS athletes participated in 700+ scheduled contests
- LHS coordinated over 350 officials for home contests
- LHS staffed 56 funded salaried coaching positions; 9 non-funded varsity coaching positions; 3 non-funded co-op coaching position

Participants by Season, Gender and Grade

- 283 Fall participants
- 206 Winter participants
- 357 Spring participants
- 306 Male participants
- 264 Female participants
- 570 LHS students participated in at least one sport, representing 49% of students

	9th Grade Males	9th Grade Females	10th Grade Males	10th Grade Females	11th Grade Males	11th Grade Females	12th Grade Males	12th Grade Females
1 Sport	30	33	49	40	39	37	49	34
2 Sports	40	29	33	28	22	18	25	18
3 Sports	14	2	4	3	4	5	0	3
Total	84	64	86	71	65	60	74	55

Title IX Information

	Boys	Girls	Total Boys & Girls	% Boys	% Girls
Total Enrollment 9-12	590	563	1153	51.17%	48.83%
Total Athletic Participants*	457	341	798	57.27%	42.73%
Variance				6.1%	-6.1%
Total Athletic Participants (including fall cheer)	457	377	834	54.7%	45.3%
Variance				3.53%	-3.53%

*Participants are counted for each team on which they participate. For example, one individual participating during the fall, winter and spring sport season is counted as three participants. (KISD Title IX Report)

Title IX Compliance Report

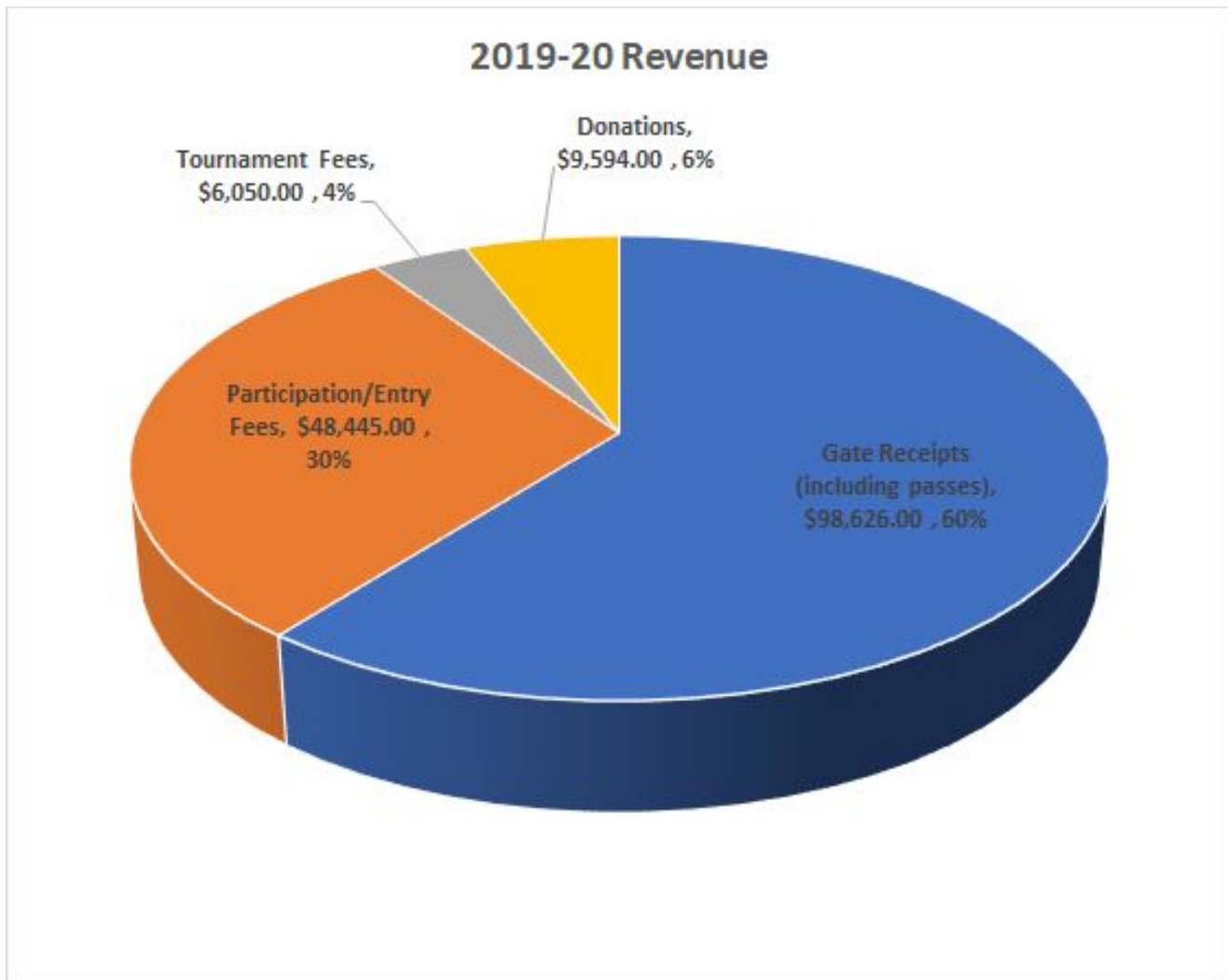
Activity (in dates)	Male	Female
Prime Time Contests (no school the following day)	55 (dates)	38 (dates)
Sideline Cheer at event	18	0
Concession Stand	37	26
Pep Band	4	4
Programs	38	29
Pep Assemblies	2	2
Announcers	40	26

Budget Analysis

Lowell Athletic Revenue Information as of 6/30/2020

LHS Athletic Revenues 2019-20

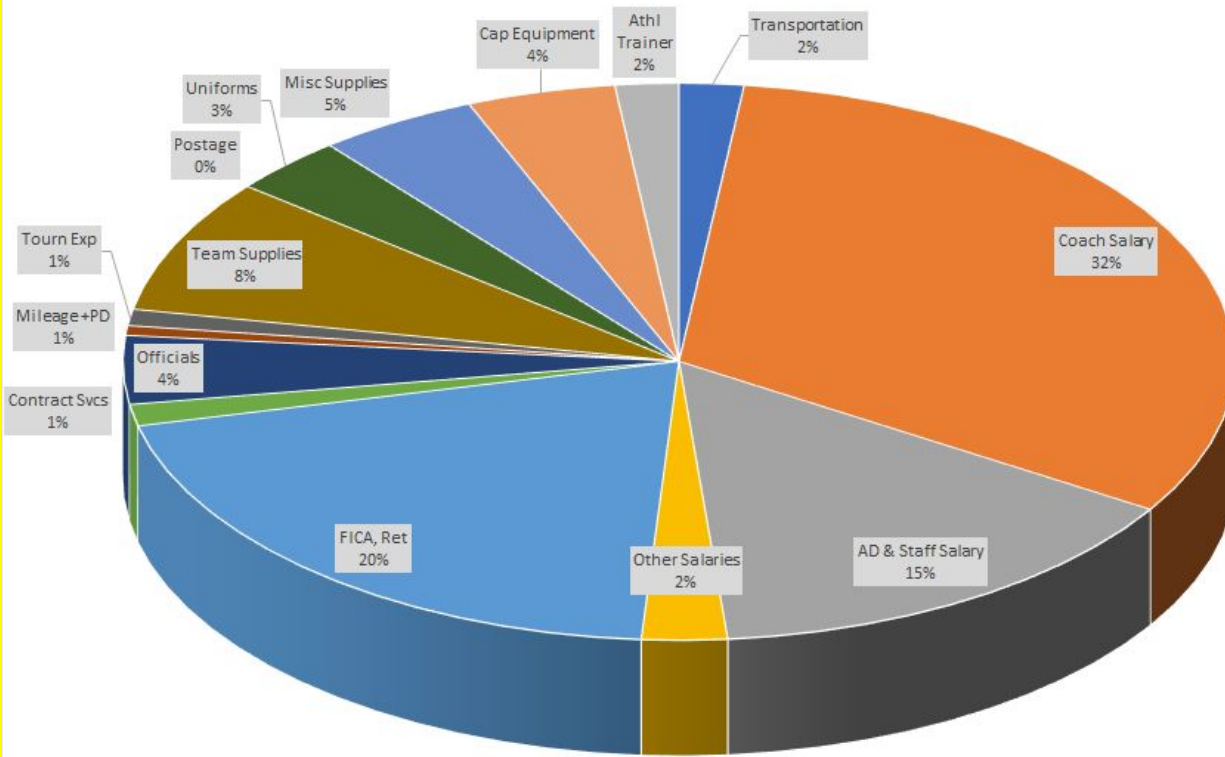
Gate Receipts (including passes)	\$98,626.00
Participation/Entry Fees	48,445.00
Tournament Fees	6050.00
Donations	9594.00
Total Revenue	\$162,715.00



LAS Athletic Expenses 2019-20 School year

Transportation (including FICA/Retirement)	\$ 14,769.18
Coach Salaries	252,344.00
Athletic Dept. Salaries (AD & Adm. Assistant)	115,669.22
Other Salaries (Game Workers, Game Assistance, etc.)	19,535.50
FICA/Retirement/Benefits	159,003.59
Contracted services (ambulance, porta johns, assigning fees, timing service fees, etc.)	9,851.35
Officials	31,236.25
Athletic Trainer	14,541.67
Mileage, Prof. Development (for AD & coaches)	4,463.48
Postage	3.47
Tournament Expenses	7,476.29
Team Supplies	61,676.07
Uniforms	26,222.72
Misc. Supplies	36,725.84
Capital Outlay/Equipment	34,081.10
Total Expenses	\$787,599.73

2019-20 Expenses



LAS Athletic Revenues	\$162,715.00
LAS Athletic Expenses	\$787,599.73
Cost to LAS	\$624,884.73
% of 2019-20 General Fund Expenditures \$41,697,332	1.50%