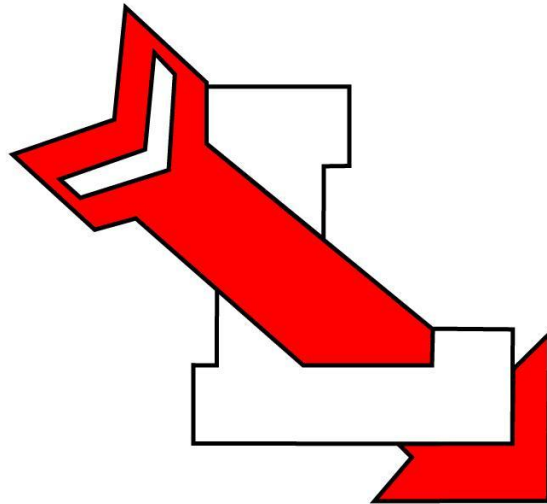


# **LOWELL AREA SCHOOLS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

**2021-22**



## **ANNUAL REPORT**

Submitted by: Deanne K. Crowley, CAA

District Athletic Director

Lowell Area Schools

TO: Superintendent Nate Fowler & Lowell Board of Education  
FROM: Dee Crowley, CAA  
DATE: July 15, 2022  
RE: 2021-22 End of Year Report

Our student-athletes of 2021-22 were able to enjoy a more “normal” athletic experience. Fans in the stands, the choice to play without a mask, and being able to play entire seasons (other than weather issues) allowed our student-athletes to enjoy their athletic opportunities.

Our student-athletes of the 2021-22 school year have continued to build on the tradition of Red Arrow Excellence. As with previous years, student-athletes have continued to reap the benefits of participation in interscholastic athletics, including ARROWS (Attitude, Responsibility, Respect, Overcoming, Work Ethic and Service). The coaches at Lowell Area Schools continue to expect our student athletes to work hard, have fun and be good teammates.

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, Curt Cummings, Matt Dood, Kendall Jackson, Sean Mandle, David Shores, Jody Mercer, Jason Birman, Tim Bergy, Steve Turnbull, Justin Scott, Kara Mrozinski, Rhonda Fosburg, Renay Bouwhuis, Betsy Maki, Kimberly Perry, Ashley Velzen, Craig Veldman, Abby Wiseman, Ron Acheson, Gail Hutchinson, Steve Gough, Patrick Russell, Cindy Brenk, Dustin Cichocki, Nate Fowler, 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 2021-22 Annual Report provides data and information from the Athletic Department, including academic and athletic accomplishments, GPA comparisons, Title IX information, and budget analysis.

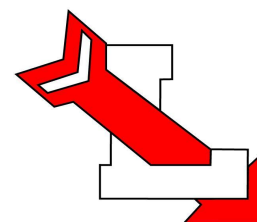
Overall, I am extremely proud of our student-athletes, coaches and community. Go Red Arrows!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Deanne K. Crowley*

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District Athletic Director

**Learners Today. Leaders Tomorrow. Red Arrows for Life.**



## Lowell High School Athletics

### Academic Accomplishments

- Boys Cross Country earned MITCA Division 1 Academic All State
- Football earned MHSFCA Team Division 3 Academic All State with avg. GPA of 4.0
- Girls Golf earned MIGCA Division 2 Team Academic All State
- Boys Tennis earned MHSTeCA Team Academic All State with avg GPA of 3.39 ranking 15th out of 70 teams in Division 2
- Volleyball earned MIVCA Team Academic All State
- Wrestling earned MWA Team Academic All State with 3.82 avg GPA
- Girls Ski earned MHSSCA Academic Team All State with 3.76 avg GPA and #9 ranking
- Gymnastics earned Academic Team All State
- Girls Basketball earned BCAM Team Academic All State with avg GPA of 3.456
- Girls Tennis earned MHSTeCA Team Academic All State with avg GPA of 3.7
- Girls Soccer earned MIHSSCA Team Academic All State with avg GPA of 3.68
- Boys Golf earned MIGCA Academic Team All State with avg GPA of 3.73
- The following 32 students earned individual Academic All State recognition:
  - Annika Sandman - Cross Country
  - Katrina Sandman - Cross Country
  - Ethan Post - Football
  - Nate Cleaver - Football & Wrestling
  - Cole Vandervest - Football
  - Sam Kaminski - Football
  - Will Compton - Football
  - Madison Liley - Girls Golf
  - Danton Goulet - Boys Soccer
  - Ben Mika - Boys Soccer
  - David Kaczanowski - Boys Tennis
  - Winton Garrelts - Boys Tennis
  - Ty Knottnerus - Boys Tennis
  - Emily Struckmeyer - Volleyball
  - Landon Miller - Wrestling
  - Carson Crace - Wrestling
  - James Link - Wrestling
  - Greta Forward - Gymnastics
  - Marissa Wever - Gymnastics
  - Ivy McDonald - Gymnastics
  - Maya Schilling - Competitive Cheer

- Bri Fullerton - Competitive Cheer
- Anna Seddon - Competitive Cheer
- Ilana Rhodes - Competitive Cheer
- Delaney Kelley - Girls Tennis
- Brooke Knottnerus - Girls Tennis
- Lexi Royer - Girls Tennis
- Lilly Kooistra - Girls Soccer
- Morgan North - Baseball
- Blake Bennett - Baseball
- Colton Byrne - Baseball
- Kyler Spike - Baseball
- Zach Hayes - Baseball
- Connor Lixie - Boys Lacrosse
- Landon Miller - Boys Lacrosse
- Gage Snarski - Boys Lacrosse
- Sam Kaminski - Boys Lacrosse
- Ty Knottnerus, Boys Golf
- Seven students received MHSAA scholar-athlete recognition
  - Blake Bennett
  - Kaylee Byrne
  - Ethan Post
  - Alexis Royer
  - Jadan Sanders
  - Isabella Schmidt
  - Emily Struckmeyer
- 48 students received OK Conference Scholar Athlete recognition
  - Amber Backing
  - Bryce Balabuch
  - Blake Bennett
  - Eric Bryce
  - Kaylee Byrne
  - Elise Charron
  - Nathan Cleaver
  - Carra Couturier
  - Hanna DeVries
  - Aiden Dial
  - Greta Forward
  - Jackson Fowler
  - Sawyer Fowler

- Winton Garrelts
- Emily German
- Danton Goulet
- Zachary Hayes
- David Kaczanowski
- Sam Kaminski
- Delaney Kelley
- Evan Klein
- Brooke Knottnerus
- Ty Knottnerus
- Lilly Kooistra
- Madison Liley
- James Link
- Hayden Lowrie
- Jackson MacNaughton
- Aidan McWayne
- Ben Mika
- Branch Nietling
- Morgan North
- Kaden Northup
- Ethan Post
- Dominick Ronchetti
- Alexis Royer
- Jadan Sanders
- Cierra Sayer
- Emma Schmidt
- Isabella Schmidt
- Gage Snarski
- Jeselyn Spaulding
- Kyler Spike
- Emily Struckmeyer
- Olivia Torline
- Sam VandenHout
- Cole Vandervest
- Amelia Wells

- 24/38 students who graduated Summa Cum Laude were participants in athletics as a senior

**Varsity Team Athletes with 3.0 GPA or Higher**

<b><u>Fall Sports</u></b>	<b><u>% of Team Athletes with GPA of 3.0 or greater</u></b>	<b><u>Team Average GPA</u></b>
Boys' Cross Country	21/25 - 84%	3.46
Boys' Soccer	12/16 - 75%	3.49
Boys' Tennis	10/12 - 83%	3.49
Football	40/50 - 80%	3.39
Fall Cheer	17/30 - 57%	2.98
Girls' Cross Country	13/15 - 87%	3.58
Girls' Golf	5/6 - 83%	3.55
Volleyball	9/11 - 82%	3.61
Girls' Swim & Dive	1/3 - 33%	3.29
<b><u>Winter Sports</u></b>	<b><u>% of Team Athletes with GPA of 3.0 or greater</u></b>	<b><u>Team Average GPA</u></b>
Boys' Basketball	12/13 - 92%	3.72
Boys' Bowling	5/9 - 56%	3.09
Boys' Ski	4/7 - 57%	3.24
Boys' Swim	0/0	0.00
Hockey	1/1 - 100%	3.31
Wrestling	28/42 - 67%	3.13
Girls' Basketball	8/10 - 80%	3.31
Girls' Bowling	6/8 - 75%	3.34
Competitive Cheer	10/18 - 56%	3.09
Gymnastics	12/14 - 86%	3.61
Girls' Ski	8/8 - 100%	3.82
<b><u>Spring Sports</u></b>	<b><u>% of Team Athletes with GPA of 3.0 or greater</u></b>	<b><u>Team Average GPA</u></b>
Baseball	16/18 - 89%	3.66
Boys' Golf	8/8 - 100%	3.73
Boys' Lacrosse	19/22 - 86%	3.50

Boys' Track	40/55 - 73%	3.26
Crew	10/12 - 83%	3.60
Girls' Lacrosse	18/21 - 86%	3.55
Girls' Soccer	12/14 - 86%	3.68
Girls' Tennis	14/14 - 100%	3.66
Girls' Track	29/32 - 91%	3.65
Shooting	4/10 - 40%	2.86
Softball	13/16 - 82%	3.39

### 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	3.47	3.14	2.74	9th	3.02	2.71	2.32
10th	3.35	3.16	3.01	10th	3.21	2.99	2.73
11th	3.57	3.29	3.04	11th	3.41	3.13	2.90
12th	3.46	3.33	3.27	12th	3.39	3.21	3.04
Overall Avg	3.46	3.23	3.03	Overall Avg	3.24	3.00	2.76

### Athletic Celebrations, Significant Accomplishments and Highlights

- Boys Cross Country Team placed 3rd as a team at MHSAA Regional and qualified for MHSAA Division 1 Team State Finals; 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in OK White
- Girls Cross Country Team finishes 5<sup>th</sup> at MHSAA Div 1 Regional
- Annika Sandman sets new school record for Cross Country at 18:14.6
- Annika Sandman and Katrina Sandman qualify for MHSAA Individual State Finals; Annika places 18<sup>th</sup> and is All State
- Equestrian won MIHA Division B District and Regional Championships and placed 3rd at MIHA Division B State Finals
- Football team qualified for MHSAA Division 3 Tournament
- Josh Rau earned MHSFCA Division 3 1st Team All State for Defensive Line; Carter Blough and Josh Rau earned MHSFCA 1st Team All Region
- Elle Sluss qualified to play in MHSAA Division 2 Girls Golf Individual State Finals as a FR

- Girls Golf Team placed in Top 4 in MHSAA Regional
- Emily Struckmeyer earns AVCA All-Region Team for Midwest Region and 1<sup>st</sup> Team AVCA Best and Brightest; MIVCA All-Region and MIVCA 1st Team All State for Volleyball
- 9th Consecutive MHSAA Division 2 Team Wrestling STATE Champions – a new MHSAA record
- Wrestling is OK White, District and Regional Team Champions
- Carter Blough, Jackson Blum and Owen Segorski are MHSAA Individual Wrestling State Champions and earn All State honors.
- 15 wrestlers qualified and 11 wrestlers total placed at MHSAA Individual Wrestling Finals – Carter Cichocki – 2nd; James Link – 2nd; Ramsy Mutschler – 2nd; Jared Boone – 3rd; Carson Crace – 4th; Landon Musgrave – 5th; Landon Miller – 7th; Kiara Hulbert – 8th; All earn All State honors.
- Carson Crace, Carter Blough, Carter Cichocki, Jackson Blum, Ramsy Mutschler, James Link, and Landon Miller are MHSAA Wrestling Regional Champions
- Kaylee Byrne is the MHSAA Div 2 State Runner-up in Giant Slalom (GS) and places 3rd in Slalom
- Preston Sobeck places 18th in Slalom and 25th in GS at MHSAA Individual State Finals
- Colton Byrne places 20th in Slalom at MHSAA Individual State Finals
- At MHSAA Div 2 Regional, Kaylee Byrne (Regional Champion in Slalom & 2nd in GS), Colton Byrne (4th in GS & 4th in Slalom) and Preston Sobeck 9th in Slalom) qualified to Ski in the MHSAA Individual State Finals
- Kaylee Byrne named to the All State Team 1 in GS and Slalom; Colton Byrne and Preston Sobeck are named to the All State Team 2 in Slalom; Kaylee, Preston and Colton also earned MHSAA All Region
- Gymnastics team finished 4th at MHSAA Regional
- Ivy McDonald set a new All Around score of 36.55
- Ivy McDonald places 7th on Balance Beam at MHSAA Individual Gymnastics State Finals and earns All State honors
- Three gymnasts qualified for MHSAA Individual State Finals - Marissa Wever (Div 1 All Around); Greta Forward (Div 2 Floor); and Ivy McDonald (Div 2 All Around)
- Courtney Witten has highest OK White Conference scoring average in Bowling
- Haylie Beers (4th) qualifies at MHSAA Regional to bowl in MHSAA Individual Bowling State Finals
- Braxcynn Baker sets new single game scoring record with 39 points and breaks single season scoring record with 456 points in Girls Basketball
- Piper Risdon breaks single game rebound record with 23 rebounds in Girls Basketball
- Autumn Lamoreaux was 2nd Team All District in Competitive Cheer
- Hannah Witherell was All District Honorable Mention in Competitive Cheer
- Competitive Cheer team placed 8th at MHSAA District with highest Round 1 score of season
- Hockey team plays in MHSAA Regional Final at Lawson Ice Arena after winning 2 games in MHSAA tournament
- Josh Rau set a new school record in 300m Hurdles with time of 39.96



- Annika Sandman set a new school record in the 3200m Run with time of 10:42.16
- Annika Sandman set a new school record in the 1600m Run with a time of 4:56.71 and finished 10<sup>th</sup> at MHSAA D1 State Final.
- Emily German finishes 2nd in 100m Hurdles and Annika Sandman finishes 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1600m Run at MHSAA Regional and both qualify for MHSAA Div 1 State Final
- Aubree Lee and Madison Borrelli named to MiHSSCA All District Team
- Taylor Clark and Megan Lillie named to MHSSCA All District Team
- Boys Golf team won OK White Jamboree with score of 161
- Boys Golf team won two team tournaments - Rocket Invite at Lincoln Golf Club and Montague Golf Invite at Old Channel Trail GC
- Drew Veldman was a tournament medalist at an invite
- Boys Lacrosse was #3 seed in MHSAA Regional and played in MHSAA Regional Final
- Peyton Teachworth , Kyler Spike, Zach Hayes and Jaxson Carlisle named to the Baseball All District team
- Kaylee Byrne was a MHSCA Honoree for the Rich Tompkins Multi-Sport Athlete Award for four years of 3-sport participation in Cross Country, Ski, and Track
- 21 students will continue their education and participate in collegiate athletics:
  - Aidan McWayne - Baseball - Northwood University
  - Alex Weber - XC/Track - Grand Rapids Community College
  - Blake Bennett - Baseball - Aquinas College
  - Bryce Balabuch - Football - Kalamazoo College
  - Carter Blough - Wrestling - Michigan State University
  - Cole Weston - XC/Track - Grand Rapids Community College
  - Ethan Post - Football - Michigan Tech University
  - Emily Struckmeyer - Volleyball - Charleston Southern University
  - Eric Bryce - Baseball - Aquinas College
  - Jaxson Carlisle - Baseball - Muskegon Community College
  - Jennie Underwood - Girls Soccer - Olivet College
  - Josh Rau - Football - Saginaw Valley State University
  - Kaylee Byrne - Ski - Northern Michigan University
  - Macy Huver - Softball - Grand Rapids Community College
  - Madison Borrelli - Girls Soccer - Olivet College
  - Preston Sobeck - Ski - Colorado Mesa University
  - Sawyer Fowler - XC/Track - Michigan Tech University
  - Sedona Bonter - Girls Golf - Olivet College
  - Spencer Guppy - Boys Lacrosse - Concordia-Ann Arbor
  - Sydney Zandstra - Volleyball - Rochester University
  - Will Neeley - Wrestling - Albion College

- 46 student-athletes earned OK White All Conference honors:

Carter Blough	Football & Wrestling
Benjamin Bromley	Cross Country
Carson Crace	Football
Sawyer Fowler	Cross Country
Jackson Fowler	Cross Country
Lincoln Homolka	Soccer
Ty Knottnerus	Tennis
Ethan Krieger	Football
Ethan Post	Football
Josh Rau	Football & Track
Annika Sandman	Cross Country & Track
Katrina Sandman	Cross Country
Emily Struckmeyer	Volleyball
Cole Weston	Cross Country & Track
Braxcynn Baker	Girls Basketball
Haylie Beers	Girls Bowling
Jackson Blum	Wrestling
Kaylee Byrne	Girls Ski
Colton Byrne	Boys Ski
Carter Cichocki	Wrestling
Savannah Escobedo	Girls Bowling
Greta Forward	Gymnastics
Tacho Gonzales	Wrestling
Autumn Lamoreaux	Competitive Cheer
James Link	Wrestling
Landon Miller	Wrestling
Landon Musgrave	Wrestling
Ramsy Mutschler	Wrestling
Piper Risdon	Girls Basketball

Owen Segorski	Wrestling
Preston Sobeck	Boys Ski
Drew Veldman	Boys Basketball
Marissa Wever	Gymnastics
Hannah Witherell	Competitive Cheer
Courtney Witten	Girls Bowling

Blake Bennett	Baseball
Madison Borrelli	Girls Soccer
Keegan Cater	Track
Taylor Clark	Softball
Isabel German	Track
Isaac Graham	Track
Macy Huver	Softball
Sam Kaminski	Boys Lacrosse
Brooke Knottnerus	Girls Tennis
Aubree Lee	Girls Soccer
Megan Lillie	Softball
Avery Miles	Girls Lacrosse
Levi Mills	Track
Aubriegh Oswald	Track
Ramsey Ponchaud	Track
Andrew Rogers	Boys Lacrosse
Peyton Teachworth	Baseball

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- Kaylee Byrne and Carter Blough were named Athletes of the Year.

**Tournaments Hosted at LHS in Addition to Regular Season Events**

- Individual Wrestling District for MHSAA
- Girls Basketball District for MHSAA
- Freshman and JV and Varsity Volleyball Tournaments

- Bob Perry Memorial Cross Country Invitational
- Gary Rivers Memorial Wrestling Invitational
- Kathy Talus Memorial Track Invitational
- OK White Conference Track Meet
- Mandy Tichelaar Memorial Softball Tournament
- JV Baseball Invite
- JV Girls Tennis Quad
- WMMSC OK Gold 8th Grade Conference Track Meet
- West Michigan MS Megastar Track Meet

### 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 1200+ scheduled contests
- LHS coordinated over 350 officials for home contests
- LHS staffed 58 funded salaried coaching positions; 8 non-funded varsity coaching positions;

### Participants by Season, Gender and Grade

- 261 Fall participants
- 172 Winter participants
- 330 Spring participants
- 287 Male participants
- 237 Female participants
- 524 LHS students participated in at least one sport, representing 47% 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
<b>1 Sport</b>	42	44	45	46	27	41	42	28
<b>2 Sports</b>	30	25	29	10	34	18	18	11
<b>3 Sports</b>	9	10	5	0	5	1	1	3
<b>Total</b>	81	79	79	56	66	60	61	42

**Title IX Information**

	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Total Boys &amp; Girls</b>	<b>% Boys</b>	<b>% Girls</b>
Total Enrollment 9-12	566	542	1108	51%	49%
Total Athletic Participants*	436	296	732	60%	40%
Variance				9%	-9%
Total Athletic Participants (including fall cheer)	436	327	763	57.14%	42.86%
Variance				6.14%	-6.14%

\*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**

<b>Activity (in dates)</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Prime Time Contests (no school the following day)	29 (home dates)	18 (home dates)
Sideline Cheer at event	18	0
Concession Stand	32	30
Pep Band	5	5
Programs	32	30
Pep Assemblies	2	2
Announcers	32	30

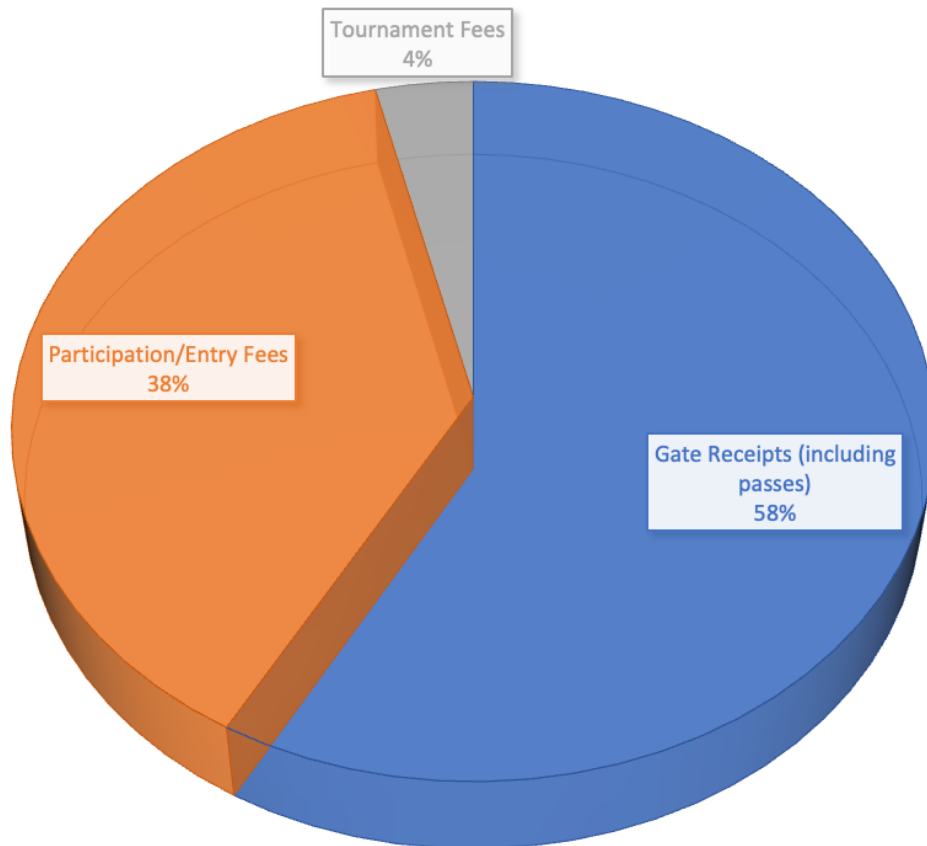
## Budget Analysis

### Lowell Athletic Revenue Information as of 6/30/2022

LHS Athletic Revenues 2021-22

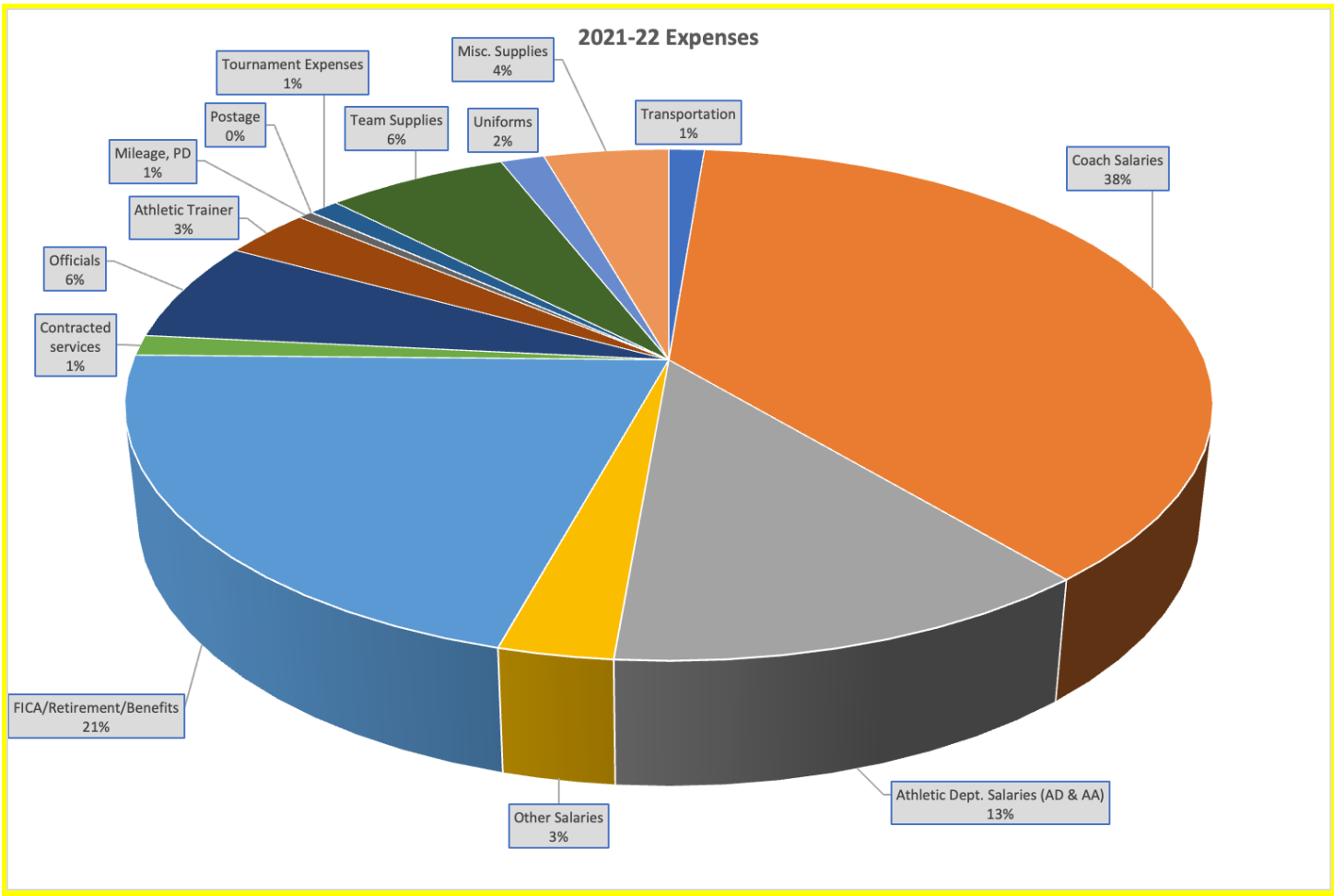
Gate Receipts (including passes)	\$123,153.00
Participation/Entry Fees	80,618.00
Tournament Fees	7967.00
Total Revenue	\$211,739.00

### 2021-22 REVENUE



LAS Athletic Expenses 2021-22 School year

Transportation (including FICA/Retirement)	\$ 9,216.87
Coach Salaries	278,711.00
Athletic Dept. Salaries (AD & Adm. Assistant)	92,005.00
Other Salaries (Game Workers, Game Assistance, etc.)	21,547.50
FICA/Retirement/Benefits	155,671.98
Contracted services (ambulance, porta johns, assigning fees, timing service fees, etc.)	9,531.80
Officials	47,112.75
Athletic Trainer	23,000.01
Mileage, Prof. Development (for AD & coaches)	3,768.97
Postage	161.86
Tournament Expenses	7,816.35
Team Supplies	47,355.41
Uniforms	11,406.12
Misc. Supplies	32,567.70
Total Expenses	\$739,873.32



LAS Athletic Revenues	\$211,739.00
LAS Athletic Expenses	\$739,873.32
Cost to LAS	\$528,134.72
% of 2021-22 General Fund Expenditures \$44,160,104.00	1.20%