

## **JeffCo Athletic Fee: Where does it go?**

Participation numbers for Jefferson County Athletics during the 2011-12 school year were 12,613. 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 1,842 in football, to a low of 18 in field hockey.

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 (\$1,493,358), gate receipts and ticket sales in 2011-12 were approximately \$2.39 million and the total expenses were over \$8.14 million. The district's general fund paid for the additional \$5.75 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.

- Coaches' salaries
- 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
  - MVP & Hall of Fame Banquets
- Athletic Trainers
- Substitute Teachers for Playoffs
- Security
  - School sites
  - Stadium venues
- Supplement Transportation
- Officials
  - Regular Season
  - Post-Season
- Game workers
  - School sites
  - Stadium venues