



# West Lafayette Athletics Department

4.14.2025, BOARD PRESENTATION



Athletics Dept.  
Staff

- **Joel Strode**
  - 17<sup>th</sup> year at WL, year 7<sup>th</sup> as AD
- **Shane Fry**
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> year at WL, 1<sup>st</sup> as Asst. AD
- **Robin Beckham**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> year at WL, 1<sup>st</sup> as Athl. Admin. Asst.



# Athletic Trainers & Transportation

- **Athletic Trainers**
  - **Gusta Owens**
    - 17 years @ WL
  - **Steffi Anderson**
    - 7 years @ WL
- **Transportation**
  - **Doug Caldwell and Anna Hirst**
    - Team of dedicated route/trip drivers
- **Problem area for many school...not WLCSC**





- 22 varsity sports
  - Many with JV, freshmen, C-team, etc.
- 12 JH sports
- Over 100 coaches including paid/volunteer

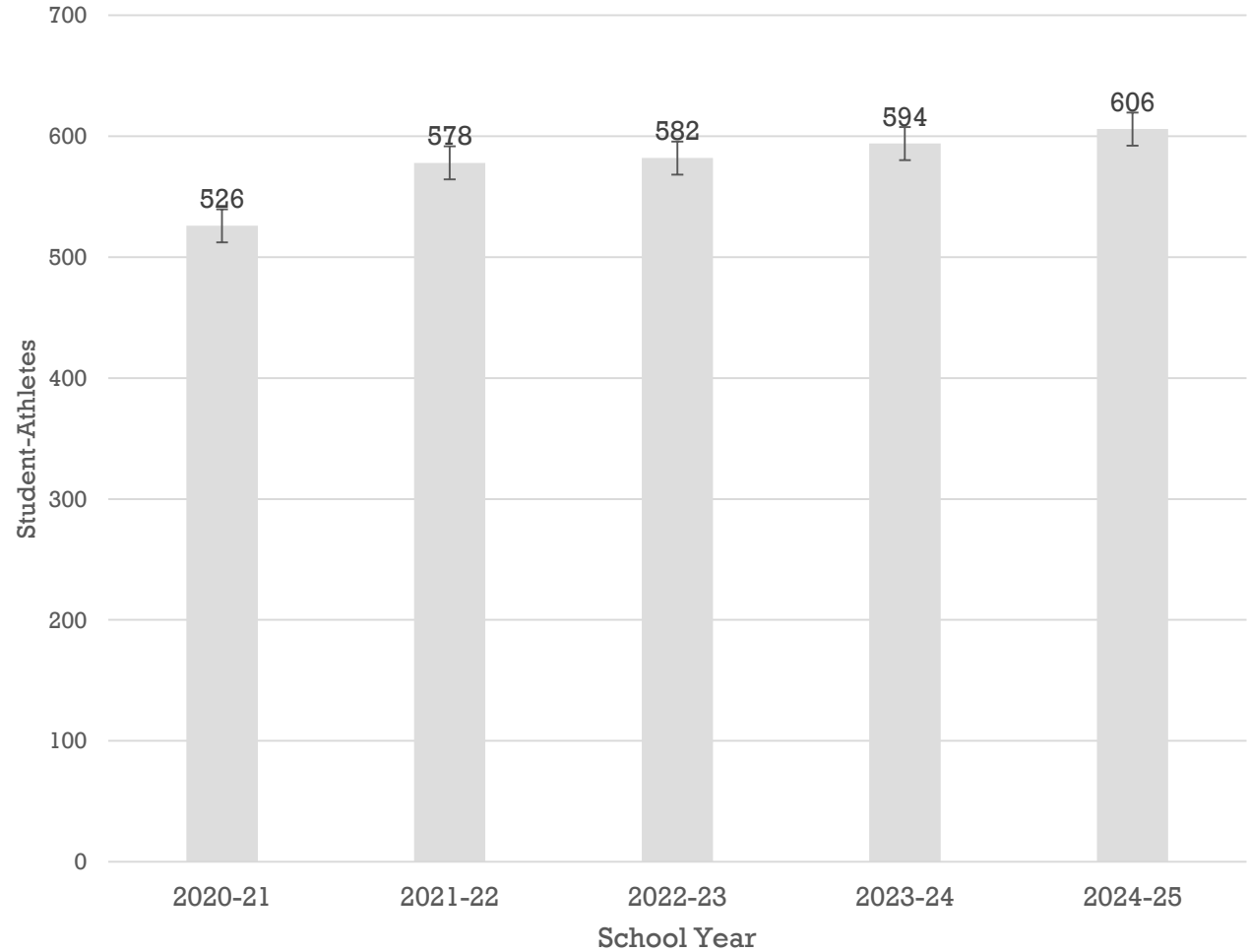
## Teams/Coaches



## Total # of student-athletes, grades 7-12

- Around 1,100 7-12
- Around 750 for 9-12
- 1,096 students for 24-25
  - Over 55% participating
  - Significant % of students
- Trending up, mostly steady

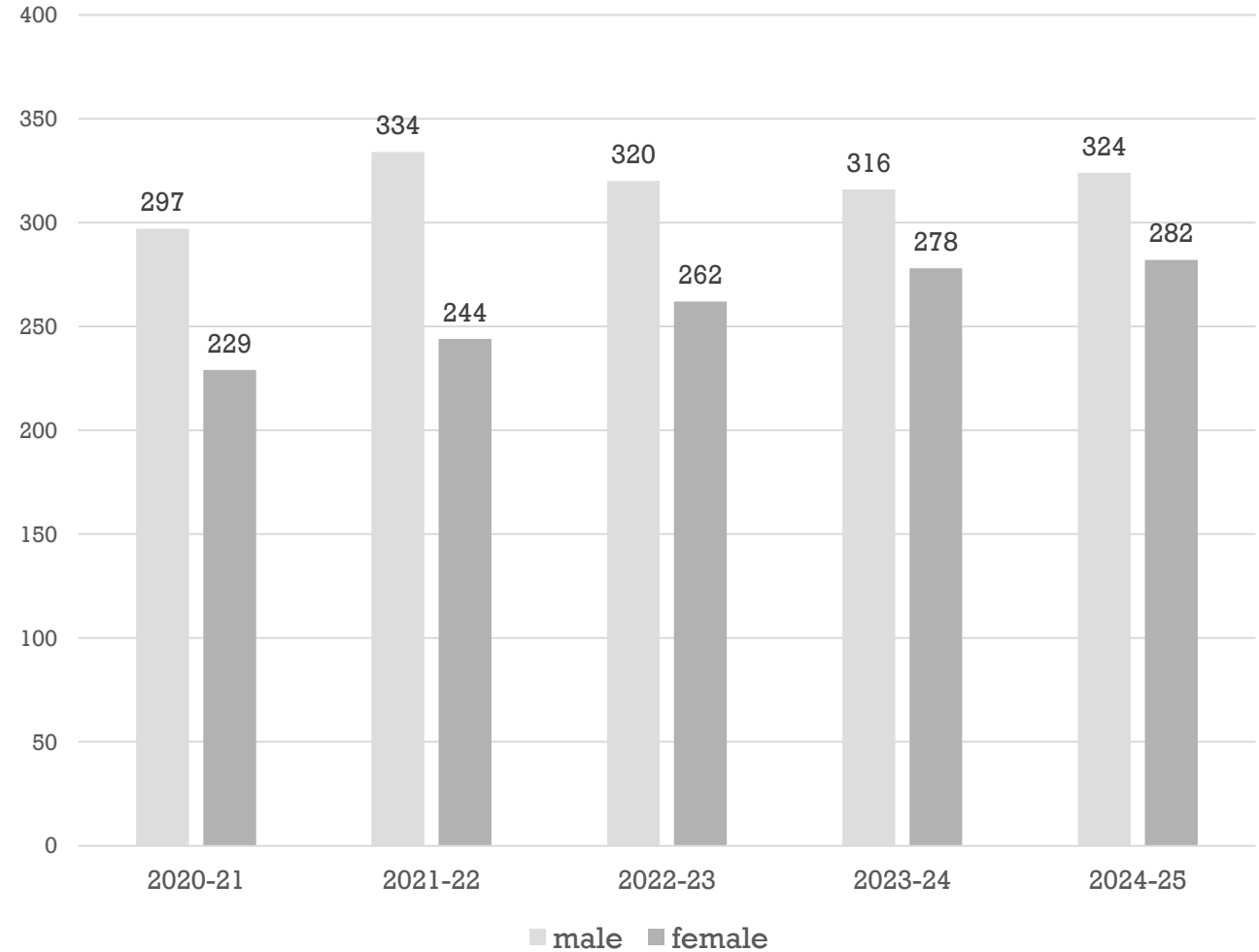
## Total Athletes



## Athletics Participation, Gender

- **Males**
  - Mostly steady
- **Females**
  - Positive trend
  - Encouraged by the growth
- **Goal not necessarily to be equal**
  - G. volleyball vs. Football
  - B. Wrest. vs G. Wrest.

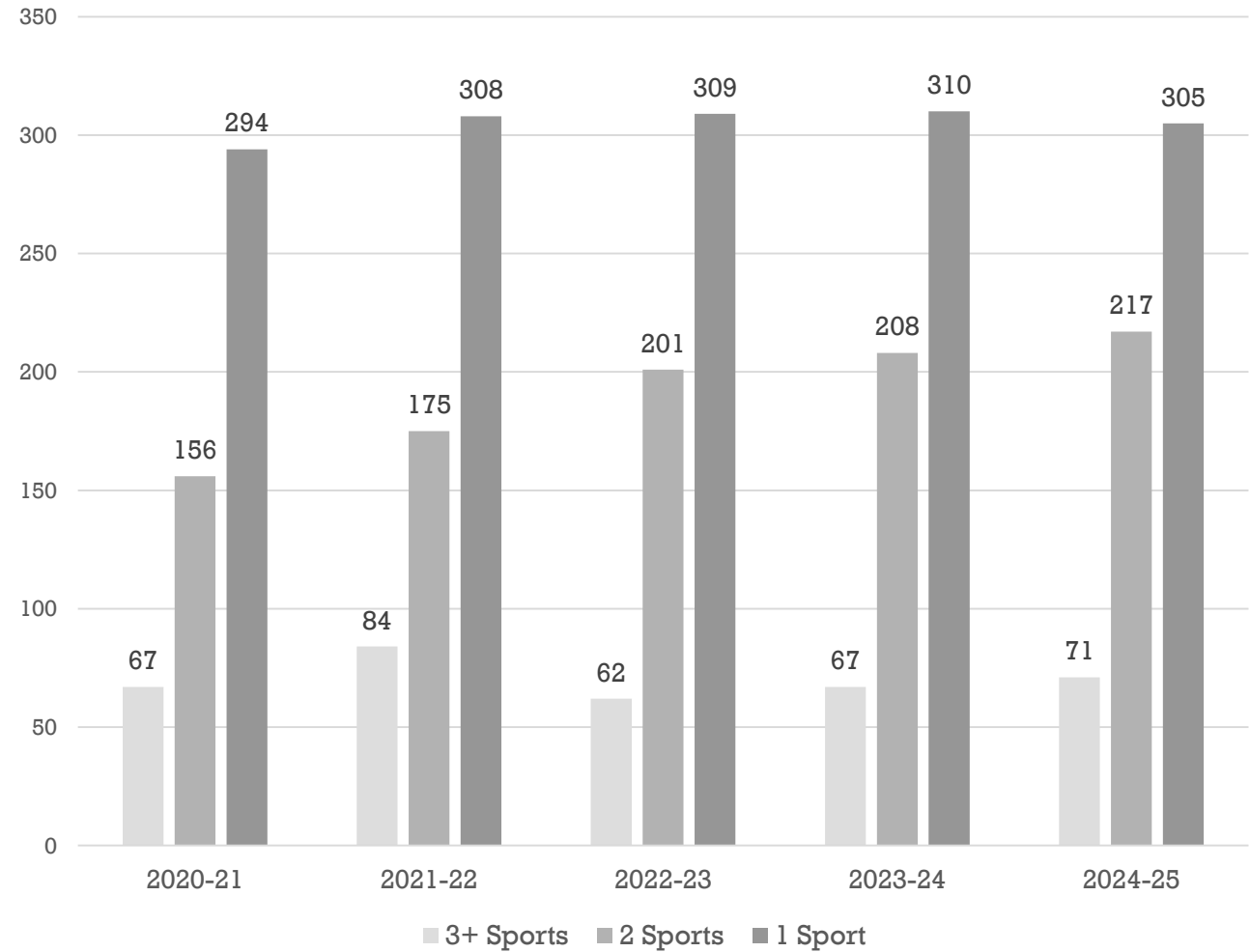
## Athletics Participation, Gender



## Multi-Sport Athletes

- **Intentional**
  - **Coaches working together**
  - **Making it possible**
- **3-sport**
  - **Mostly steady**
  - **Like that it's possible**
- **2-sport**
  - **Significant growth**

## Multi-Sport Athletes



# IHSAA Transfer Policy, changes for 25-26

- **State's push for school choice, includes athletics**
- **IHSAA made a change to maintain some control of the process**
- **It's still education-based athletics**
  - **Can't recruit, no undue influence, past-link, etc.**
- **Current process vs. new process**
  
- **WLCSC transfer policy**
  - **Not anticipating changes w/current policy**
  - **Students want to come to WLCSC for several reasons**
    - **Academics, fine arts, small size, athletics, etc.**



# Facilities

- **2022 district facilities plan, includes athletics**
  - Great to have a plan
- **Constant**
  - No end to maintaining facilities and improvement of facilities
- **Celebrated our success with avg. facilities**
  - Let's keep striving to see what our kids can do with top notch facilities in *all* things.
- **Upcoming Upgrades**
  - **New track @ the athletics complex**
  - ~~Football~~ **lights @ the athletics complex**
    - Football, track & field, band, dance team, cheer, unified track & field, etc.
  - **Tennis Courts @ WLES**
  - **2-3 scoreboards, Leslie Field & Baseball (maybe softball)**

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