
THE GREEN DRAGON FOUNDATION

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Objective:

To raise funds to replace the current 22-year-old band truck to support the Lewisburg Area High School (LAHS) Marching Band, known as the LAHS Marching Dragons. During the current school year, there are 60+ students participating in marching band (including color guard).

Background:

With the help of the Lewisburg Area Music Association (LAMA) and the LAHS Alumni Association, the Lewisburg Area School District (LASD) purchased a 1998 Ford Band Truck to support the LAHS Marching Band. The truck has been meeting the needs of the district for the past 22 years and is now coming to the end of its service life. It is the oldest vehicle in the district's fleet and needs to be replaced. It is unable to travel outside the local area due to reliability issues.



HELP THE
**MARCHING
DRAGONS**
TAKE THE
SHOW ON THE ROAD

(1998 model-Current LAHS Band Truck)



(2023 model shown-2024 not available yet)



The Project:

Currently, The Green Dragon Foundation is raising funds to purchase a **2024 Ford Box Truck E350** to:

- Primarily, support the LAHS Marching Band,
- Secondarily, support other district music programs and
- Lastly, to support the food services program. It would be used to transport food and supplies between district buildings as an effort to buy in bulk and cut costs.

The Marching Dragons perform a **field show** either before or during half-time for every varsity football game. In addition, our student musicians play in the stands during the game to help cheer on our team and encourage fan engagement. To do this, the marching band will use the vehicle to transport instruments such as drums, sousaphones, large backdrop panels, and carts. The truck is also needed to pull a trailer that stores additional instruments.

Throughout the year, the Donald H. Eichhorn Middle School and Linntown Intermediate School host student concerts at the high school. The new band truck will help transport large string and band instruments from their schools to the high school.

From time to time, the district can participate in additional performances. For example, in May 2022 the high school used their current truck to transport equipment and choral risers for a joint performance of the **Jazz Ensemble and Chamber Choir at Knoebels Amusement Park**. With a new truck, the district would be able to offer more opportunities like this.



Every few years, the district provides a department-wide trip for students to perform at destinations outside of Pennsylvania. Currently, this is not possible. With a new band truck, our students would be able to participate in these wonderful opportunities.

Benefits To Our Students:

"The Lewisburg Marching Band is one of the most visible, active, and dedicated organizations within our school community and the greater Lewisburg community. The band can be seen parading through the streets of Lewisburg in the heat of July for Independence Day and in cold December in the Victorian Parade. Every fall we enjoy their field show as part of our football season, and we always look forward to our winter and spring concerts. Supporting our student musicians and staff in their endeavors necessitates instruments, equipment, and many hands. We look to support the Green Dragon Marching Band in the wonderful music and great school spirit they provide. At LASD, the ability for students to participate in marching band is essential for a well-rounded educational experience." ~Mrs. Cathy Moser, Superintendent of LASD

According to The Vault at Music & Arts, marching band is more than just a school activity – it's an adventure where your child learns a different language and new skills that will last them a lifetime. Not only does marching band exercise the mind and body, but also encourages friendships, cultivates creativity and provides students with a unique opportunity to grow as individuals. The foundations and lessons gained from marching band make it an extremely valuable learning experience for children of all ages. From becoming more disciplined to understanding the complexities of working as a team, here are ten valuable life lessons your child will learn during their time in marching band.

1. Ability to multi-task
2. A sense of responsibility
3. Newfound discipline
4. Understanding Teamwork
5. Importance of commitment
6. Time management
7. Losing gracefully
8. Personal growth
9. Presenting themselves
10. Leadership

Our Fundraising Goal and How You Can Help:



Our fundraising goal for the new band truck is \$30,000. With your support, purchasing the new high school marching band truck can become a reality. Your commitment can be amortized over a maximum of five years and may be eligible for public recognition opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration. Your gift to support the LAHS Marching Band provides an opportunity for our students to participate and perform for thousands of community members at varsity

football games, community concerts, and parades. Your gift helps to support the district's performing arts.