



**Duluth High School Band Boosters Association (DHSBBA), P.O. Box 1391, Duluth, GA 30096
A 501(c)3 Not-For-Profit Organization**

The DHS Band program receives funding from the Gwinnett County Board of Education, Georgia's largest school system, but there are new schools opening every year in Gwinnett and state level education budget cuts mean available dollars are spread ever thinner, so funding for the arts is continually reduced. The program has on-going needs for repair and replacement of instruments, royalties for music, supplemental instructors, performance uniforms maintenance, etc., and we ask your help to ensure a continuation in the level of excellence that the Duluth community has come to expect.

Membership in the Band program represents about 6% of the student body at DHS; averaging about 135 students in a total school enrollment of usually 2,000. Nevertheless, this [small] group of young men & women represent some impressive accomplishments for DHS and the larger Duluth community.

- In the class of 2001-2002: the valedictorian was a band member, as was the number one student in the freshman class, who went on to become valedictorian by senior year.
- In the class of 2002-2003: the Drum Majors held a 90+ GPA. 14 band members were in the top 10%, 6 were in the top 5% and two students were in the top 2% of the school.
- In the class of 2003-2004: 45 band members maintained an A average. The Drum Major and Band Officers were in the top 10%, 29 members were in the top 3%. In addition, the #1 senior, #5 junior, #2 sophomore and #1 freshman were band members.
- In the class of 2004-2005: 58 held an A average. The Drum Majors were in the top 10%, 13 were in the top 3%, the valedictorian was a 3 year band member, repeating the #1 position from freshman year. Two students maintained a straight A average all 4 years.
- The class of 2005-2006 will continue this heritage of excellence. 15 students of the 55 freshmen starting in 2002 have stayed with the program all 4 years and graduated in the spring of '06. We anticipate that in the top 10% of the 430± seniors in the graduating class of 2006, ¼ will be band members.

Examine the membership of nearly any other club, sports team, academic society or service organization at DHS and you'll find members from the Band on the rolls. Band members have included Eagle scouts, honors graduates, academic scholarship recipients, and more. DHS Band members also perform in interscholastic competitions regularly bringing home 'Excellent' and 'superior' awards as well as participating in many prestigious "by invitation" ensemble groups in the Atlanta region.

As you can, the DHS Band program produces more than just good musicians. Our members are fully involved in the academic program and the community at large

In order to continue to provide our young people with the resources to flourish and grow and maximize not only their educational opportunities at DHS but also the greater benefit to the Duluth community we ask your support. Grants and donations are tax deductible as the DHS BBA, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization.

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