

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the Green Dragon Foundation?

A. The Green Dragon Foundation is a community-based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to providing and directing funding for the realization of educational, cultural, and athletic programs and capital improvement projects for the enrichment and enhancement of the students of the Lewisburg Area School District.

Q. How is the Green Dragon Foundation different from other organizations (e.g. the Alumni Association, the High School Foundation or the All Sports Boosters)?

A. The Green Dragon Foundation is unique in that it strives to raise significant resources through professional fundraising methods to enable programs, projects and capital improvements which will benefit the entire Lewisburg Area School District. The Green Dragon Foundation fully endorses the above organizations for the outstanding services they provide to all current and graduated high school students.

Q. Is the Green Dragon Foundation part of the Lewisburg Area School District?

A. No. The Green Dragon Foundation is a separate and independent 501(c) (3) organization. Foundation board members are from the business community and community-at-large. The LASD superintendent, Mark DiRocco, and the LASD School Board President, Kathy Swope, serve as Advisors to the Green Dragon Foundation Board of Directors and have no voting authority. The Foundation is fully endorsed by the LASD School Board.

Q. What are the priorities and "Unique Opportunities" of the Green Dragon Foundation?

A. The most immediate goal of the Green Dragon Foundation is to establish itself as a professional fundraising organization, whose beneficiaries are the students of the Lewisburg Area School District. The Foundation then hopes to foster and build a strong and successful partnership between the Lewisburg community, LAHS alumni, and the Lewisburg Area School District. Ultimately, the Foundation aims to raise significant funds to create a long-term endowment, facilitate the realization of the VISION 2020 strategic plan, and ultimately serve as the catalyst for the "good intentions" of individuals, companies, and organizations that wish to help the Lewisburg Area School District reach its "dream" of becoming the best school district in the nation.

Q. Why should I contribute to the Green Dragon Foundation when I already pay taxes to the Lewisburg Area School District?

A. Because the most basic and reasonable needs of the school district continue to exceed the capacity of traditional funding sources (i.e. tax revenues and state/federal government support) - a trend that is unfortunately likely to continue. The Green Dragon Foundation hopes to encourage businesses and individuals in the Lewisburg community to invest more directly and effectively in the students of the LASD. By maintaining high standards of excellence, the LASD hopes to build on its recent achievements and meet the challenges of the 21st century and thus ensure a high return on the community's investment in education.

Q. If I make a donation to the Green Dragon Foundation, am I paying for staff and operations?

A. No. The executive director's salary and the Foundation's office operations are fully funded by pledges and contributions made by the founding members of the organization and funds obtained from charitable trusts and grants. 100% of money raised in support of the programs and projects that have been approved by the Foundation's Board of Directors will be used in their entirety for that purpose.

Q. Is the Green Dragon Foundation interested in building a new high school?

A. Yes, however, the Foundation is also interested in funding many programs and initiatives that will enhance and enrich the experience of all students of the LASD. Should plans for a new school be developed, the Green Dragon Foundation intends to play a significant and leading role in helping to raise the necessary funds for such a project.

Q. How does the Green Dragon Foundation select the programs and initiatives it supports?

A. The Strategic Initiatives Committee, appointed by the Foundation's Board of Directors, considers and recommends programs to the Foundation. Many programs and initiatives the Foundation has approved are related to the objectives set forth in the Vision 2020 strategic plan, which was endorsed by the Lewisburg Area School Board in July, 2007. The Strategic Initiatives Committee analyzes each program and presents its recommendations to the Foundation's Board of Directors for approval.

Q. Will there be naming opportunities or public recognition such as an annual report or plaques bearing my name for my donation, large or small?

A. Yes. Donors making contributions above a set amount will be given the opportunity to name a special aspect of a given program or project. This amount has yet to be established. The Green Dragon Foundation has also established giving society levels for all donations and will publish this information in its annual report following the end of its fiscal year. The Annual Report will also be posted on the Foundation's website www.greendragonfoundation.org.

Q. Are there opportunities to make donations in "honor of" or in "memory of" an individual or family?

A. Yes. What better way to honor or memorialize a loved one than to make a donation in their honor/memory. Please contact Ann Glock at info@greendragonfoundation.org if you are interested in more information.

Q. Can I direct my donation to a specific program/project or does it have to go in a general fund?

A. Donations may either be designated as "general" or directed to a specific program or project that has already been approved by the Foundation's Board of Directors. If a donor wishes to make a contribution to a new program or project, the Foundation will serve as a liaison between the donor and the school board to facilitate definition and approval of the program or project.

Q. How do you get on the Board of the Green Dragon Foundation?

A. The Green Dragon Foundation By-Laws state that the Board may have as few as 7 and as many as 15 board members. Currently, the Foundation's board has eight voting members and three advisors who serve. A Nominating Committee appointed by the Foundation's Board of Directors oversees the process for nominating new board members. Anyone interested in serving on the Foundation's Board of Directors should contact Brooks Gronlund, President, at info@greendragonfoundation.org.