**District Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the Ephrata Area School District to provide all students a secure learning environment and **exemplary academic programs** that inspire all students to reach their full potential.

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* Some students may participate in more than one musical group.

- The District consistently has about 50 students qualify for County Chorus, Band, and Orchestra.
- Students have qualified for Regional Band, Orchestra, and Chorus.
- Traditionally, we have at least one student qualify for State Orchestra or Band each year.

**German Program Highlights**

2009 – 30 Ephrata High School students scored in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile on the National German Exam.
2010 – 25 EHS students scored in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile.
2011 – 22 EHS students scored in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile.
2012 – 9 EHS students scored in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile.
2013 – 10 EHS students scored in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile.
2014 – **Of the 532 students who took the Exam in the Central Pennsylvania Chapter, 26 percent of those who scored in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile were Ephrata High School students.**

**Sister Cities Program**

Ephrata Borough has had a three-week bi-annual exchange with Eberbach, Germany since 1987 as part of the Sister Cities program. This was our 26<sup>th</sup> year and our 13<sup>th</sup> exchange.

We hosted 24 students from October 10-27, 2014. Students on both sides of the ocean live with host families, attend school, visit historic sites, experience the culture first hand, and build lifetime friendships.