The Marching Band in Belleville, Kansas Belleville, Kansas

Story Narrative:

What traditional music is celebrated in your town?

"It's not a traditional music, but in my town the marching band and the band program is really strong. A lot of times movies and TV portrays band as being for nerds, but in our school for the past 20 or plus years, band has been something the cool kids do.

If you're not in band, you're considered weird. Not necessarily geeky, but just different. You either do band or you're on the outside. I think that's really cool how our school made band cool. Our whole community really embraces our band program.

We have marching band, jazz band, pep band, and concert band. It's just a really fun thing, and everybody is really supportive of our band program. That's why it's thrived. We've gone to many parades all around the United States. That's really cool to be a part of something like that. Yep."

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