



Longview High School Marching Band was formed in August 1935 as an organized band with just 50 members. Mr. Leonard Fulkerson was director of the first band, and he composed the music/lyrics to the Longview High School Song that same year.

According to the 1936 Longview High School yearbook: "With new uniforms to improve the appearance and hard work to improve the tonal quality, the band has attained a position that ranks with the best school bands of Texas. Among the honors won by the band this year is a cup for musical performance at Kilgore during the band meet, and a cup from the state meet at Waco for marching."

What began in the 1930s with a remarkable debut, continues today in a tradition of excellence that spans generations. The Big Green Marching Machine has earned a First Division rating in University Interscholastic League (UIL) marching contest EVERY YEAR since 1949. That's 72 consecutive First Divisions, a state record!

Prior to the 1935 season, the Longview Municipal Band performed at Lobo football games. This started sometime around the mid-1920s.