

Kennedale High School Color Guard Audition and Membership Information Packet for 2021

The KHS Band has a group of students who are known as the Color Guard. The Color Guard is considered the visual representation of the music for the marching band show. The Kennedale Color Guard enhances the field show through the use of flags, rifles, sabers, and dance. Members of the Kennedale Color Guard are also members of the UIL Wildcat Marching Band and must be enrolled in the 8th period Color Guard class for the Fall semester.

MEMBERSHIP

Any student from entering freshman to incoming senior who has an interest in performance, and a positive life-changing teamwork experience is welcome to audition for the Kennedale Color Guard. All students are welcome to audition for this group regardless of gender. Students with any questions regarding the color guard are welcome to visit with the band directors at the HS or JH band hall before they audition. Members are required to be In-Person Learners, Or Hybrid Learners, that shall/will attend Color Guard Class during the school day EVERY DAY IN PERSON and all after school band rehearsals and performances.

REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

The Color Guard will follow virtually the same schedule as the marching band, but will also have extra rehearsals separate from the full marching band. Members are required to wear ATHLETIC attire to every rehearsal. Members will not be allowed to wear articles of clothing that inhibit excellence during rehearsals. Members who are not dressed appropriately for rehearsal will be asked to change, or may not be allowed to participate.

If a student cannot be enrolled in the color guard class due to a schedule conflict, or any other reason, they may not be allowed to stay on as a member of the color guard. Exceptions may be made on a case by case basis. The guard will rehearse 8 hours a week after school with the HS Marching Band, and in separate practices. The Kennedale Color Guard is required to perform with the KHS Marching Band per the KHS Band Calendar of events. These performances include: Pep Rallies, Varsity Football Games, Marching Band Competitions, and all public performances.

Not every guard member will perform (spin) in for the full duration of the Marching Band Show. Color Guard members often “rotate” in and out of the marching band performance show depending on their skill set and ability to perform at the highest level throughout the show. Much like an athlete or theatre stage performer.

PHYSICAL COMMITMENT

Students must understand that because of the nature of color guard, they should be in good physical condition and consider this an athletic endeavor. Students must demonstrate standards and abilities in: balance as well as athletic conditioning for running. There are also inherent minor to major bumps, bruises, and scrapes that may come along when spinning.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

The competitiveness of modern color guard requires them to have many requirements. Some of these include uniform, performance shoes, warm-up suit, and electrical tape for maintaining their equipment, and several band and color guard shirts. It is the desire of the directors and Kennedale ISD to keep the financial requirements for ALL students as low as possible. The line of communication is always open between the directors and our parents and, whenever possible, we will give advance notice about any needs that the program may have. We have included below a list of fees and estimated costs to the student for being a member of the 2020 Kennedale Color Guard.

The Payment Schedule of these Fees by the Color Guard Members is listed below. Full payment of all guard fees will need to be paid in full by October 30, 2021

2021 Color Guard Payment Schedule:

Audition Deposit at the time of Auditions: \$50.00 due Friday May 7th, 2021

1st Payment - \$100 due July 1, 2021

2nd Payment - \$100 due August 1, 2021

3rd Payment - \$100 due September 1, 2021

Final Payment - \$100 due October 1, 2021 (or remaining balance)

Payments may be in Cash or Check (made payable to the WBC or Wildcat Band Corp). , or through the band's Online CHARMS data system.

There will be opportunities for students to participate in fundraising events. **Any fundraised money will be applied to the final payment.** All payments are NON-Refundable after being selected to the group. If a student quits, any money paid is non-refundable. Payments are expected per the schedule as listed above. Non-payment of fees may result in: loss of performer status, and eligibility to participate in band functions or events

COLOR GUARD FEES BREAKDOWN:

Color Guard Fees: 335.00

Performance Uniform \$135.00

Performance Shoes - \$30.00

2020 Fall Color Guard shirt - \$15

Instructor Fee - \$100.00

Nude Body Tight - \$20.00*

Color Guard Jacket - \$35.00*

Band Booster Fees: \$115.00

Drink and Meal Fee - \$65.00

2020 Fall Show Shirt - \$20.00

Booster Club Administrative fee \$30.00

Total EST. Fees \$450.00 *Returning members may not need items marked with asterisk*

AUDITION INFORMATION

At the audition, the candidates we will be selected based on their performance of the flag routine, their ability to maintain a steady tempo, and evaluation of their academic eligibility will be considered as part of the audition process as well. Our color guard is a competitive group, and we follow the UIL eligibility guidelines for performance in competitions. **Past membership in the KHS Color Guard or Winter Guard is NO guarantee for making the group for the 2021 Color Guard Season.**

We will be hosting three separate audition workshops to teach the candidates the skills necessary for the audition process. Students are expected to attend at a minimum TWO of these workshops in order to learn the expected audition material to audition on May 7th. Dates and times are listed below. Students will be instructed in the basics of flag fundamentals, and multiple techniques.

Color Guard workshop schedule for auditions is as follows:

WORKSHOP #1

Monday, May 3, 2021 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the KJHS Gym

WORKSHOP #2

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the KJHS Gym

WORKSHOP #3

Thursday, May 6, 2021 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm at the KJHS Gym

AUDITIONS will be held on Friday May 7th at 5pm in the KHS PAC

Auditions are closed to the public. Results will be announced Friday May 7th. The Written scores of the judges are not available for public/private review.

CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS

Once selected to the color guard, the guard will practice every weekday for three weeks until school starts per the band's SUMMER BAND rehearsal schedule found on the KHS band Website on SUMMER BAND HANDOUT 2021.

Once school starts, the color guard will practice at least three days a week after school from approximately 3:30-6:00pm (Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays).

Proper ability, work ethic, attitude, and grade performance must be maintained in order to continue membership. In August, members will be evaluated to determine what assignment they will have

in the marching show. Members will also be evaluated each week before every performance.

A member unable to meet the standards set for a particular portion of the show, or particular piece of equipment may not be included in that portion of the show. However, they will still be required to attend all rehearsals, performances, and assume their responsibilities as usual. Our goal is to have you on the field for as much as you can handle. We do not want to overwhelm you, we want you to have fun and enjoy what you're doing, while also feeling successful.

Members may also be a part of outside activities, however, color guard **MUST** come first. If a scheduling conflict arises, members will be a color guard member first. Exceptions **MAY** be made on a CASE-BY-CASE Basis with Prior Approval.

In Closing

Parents and students if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the KHS Color Guard Director Mr. Andre Almendariz at kennedalehscg@gmail.com or the KHS Director of Bands Mr. Erol Oktay at oktaye@kisdtx.net.

This signature page must be signed and returned before a student is allowed to audition for the color guard.

Thank you for your time and interest in the KHS Color Guard.

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**Kennedale High School Color Guard
Parent Permission Form – Fall 2021**

I have read the information contained in the Fall 2021 Kennedale High School Color Guard Audition and Membership Information Letter and the KHS Band’s Summer Band Handout 2021. I understand the time, discipline, and financial commitment necessary for me to be a member of this group. Should I be selected to be a member of the color guard, I will strive for excellence within the Kennedale Band as a member of the Color Guard.

Student Phone Number _____

Student Name (Print) _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I have read the information contained in the Fall 2021 Kennedale High School Color Guard Audition and Membership Information Letter and the KHS Summer Band Handout 2021. I understand the time, discipline, and financial commitment necessary for my child to be a member and maintain membership of this group. My child will adhere to the rehearsal schedules, payment schedules, and performance schedules as set forth by the KHS Band Directors and Wildcat Band Corp.

Should my child be selected to be a member of the color guard, I will support them in this endeavor. I understand that payments are non-refundable once paid upon my child being selected as a member of the color guard. I will adhere to the payment schedule deadlines as listed in the color guard handout.

Parent Phone Number _____

Parent E-Mail _____

Parent Name (PRINT) _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

This Signature Page is to be returned by the Audition Date in order for the student to be allowed to audition for the KHS Color Guard.