

Kennedale HS Band Letter Jacket Information/Guidelines

(Revised 7/1/19)

Letter jackets are one of the most visible parts of a school organization and represent the highest level of achievement in our band program. They should be a symbol of your pride and accomplishments. There is a fair process in which every student is given the opportunity to attain a letter jacket. This system will be respected and upheld.

Band Program Letter Jackets will be awarded and ordered twice a year. The target dates for the orders to be made is September 1st and March 1st. Jackets usually take 6-8 weeks for delivery. Jackets will be presented to the students without ceremony as soon as they are received.

Letter jackets will only be awarded to a students who is currently enrolled in the KHS band program and class. Should a student quit or be removed from the band program for any reason, they will forfeit all points accumulated to date and all eligibility to receive a letter jacket from the KHS Band for the future.

The band program (with financial support from the KHS Band Booster Club) will pay for the price of the jacket and a letter only. Any other additional patches or alterations are the responsibility of the student and must be paid for in full at the time the jacket is ordered.

On or about August 21st and the Week after UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest (usually in late February) a student may turn in an application to the band directors for a desire to be awarded a letter jacket. The application will include 2 brief letters of recommendation from a teacher, and a parent; a typed application letter by the student, and other information and forms that will help determine that student's status with regards to the requirements listed below. The Band Directors will meet to determine all applicant student's eligibility. Once it has been determined that a student has met the requirements stated below, jackets will be awarded.

Students will only be awarded a band letter jacket if they have not received one from KISD previously. If they have been awarded a jacket by another group, then they will be awarded a band letter only. No more than one letter or letter jacket will be awarded to any band student regardless of the number of points accumulated.

It will be decided by the band directors that a student is to be awarded a letter jacket by the band program when the student meets the following requirements:

1. The student meets the criteria listed below.
2. The student has maintained the status of "Good Standing" while in band program.
3. The student completes the application process.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS REQUIREMENT (new for 2019-2020)

Every Applicant shall complete 4 hours of Community Service at a KHS Band Director Approved KHS Band Function Event... Such as: KHS Band Pancake Breakfast, KHS Band Garage Sale , KHS Band Concession Stand, KHS Band Floor Crew, KHS Band Clean Up Dates, KHS Band Registration Day, KHS Band Pep Band Volunteer Performance, KHS Band Fundraiser Event, Etc. These 4 hours may be completed in 1 hour increments at up to 4 approved events, or all in one 4 hour session as approved by the director of bands.

Criteria

In order to be eligible to receive a letter jacket, a student must meet/complete/comply with all of the following categories:

Category I: KHS Classification

- A. Student shall be a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior at KHS at the time of they submit an application.

Category II: KHS Band Status

- A. Student shall have been enrolled in Kennedale High School Band class and an active full time participant in the band program for the entirety of the current school year for March orders and for the Full Year Prior for September

- orders.
- B. Student shall have been an active participant in All KHS band full band Functions, Contests & Spring and Holiday concerts.
- C. Academic Ineligibility - shall not be held against the student for lack of participation in Category II events. Other absences will be addressed on a case by case basis.

Category III: Point System

Students must accrue **EIGHT POINTS** in order for the student to be eligible for a jacket to be awarded. Students may accumulate points beginning the first day of school as members of the KHS Band their 9th grade year. All points are cumulative and must have been accumulated while a member of the KHS Band.

It is the sole responsibility of the student to keep track of points accumulated while a KHS Band Student on the “points worksheet” with appropriate signatures from the band director. If the worksheet is lost, then the student will start over with a new accumulation sheet. They will have to produce the documentation at the time of application for a jacket.

Category IV: Service Hours

Students shall accumulate a minimum of FOUR (4) Band Function Community Service Hours **before** they apply for a letter jacket. These hours may be earned separately (One Hour at a Time at up to Four different event dates), or in succession at one event date. Students that have not accumulated the required Four Hours of service time shall not be allowed to order a jacket for that cycle.

POINT SYSTEM

Leadership Service to KHS band

<u>Points</u>	<u>Position</u>
4	Squad Leader/Lieutenant
6	Captain/Drum Major

Individual Music Enrichment

<u>Points</u>	<u>Activity</u>
1	For participation in ATSSB or TMEA All Region Audition Process (not necessarily selection)
2	Selection as an ATSSB or TMEA All Region Band Member (added to participation 1 point for a total of 3pts per event)
3	Selection as an ATSSB or TMEA All Area Band Member (added to participation 1 point for a total of 4pts per event)
5	Selection as an ATSSB or TMEA All State Band Member (added to participation 1 point for a total of 6pts per event)
1	Participation in UIL or Other Approved Color Guard, wind & Perc Solo & Ensemble Contest (1 point per date)
1	Reception of Div. 2 rating at UIL S&E Contest on a Class I or II Solo or Ensemble, Color Guard (added to participation 1 point for a total of 2pts per event)
2	Reception of Div. 1 rating at UIL S&E Contest on a Class I or II Solo or Ensemble, Color Guard (added to participation 1 point for a total of 4pts per event)
4	Active Participant in KHS Band Winter Guard or KHS Band Winter Drumline for a full season (4pts max per season/may be used for Fall Semester order only)
1	Active Participant in the KHS Marching Band for a full Fall semester (may be used for Spring Semester order only)
1	Active Participant in the KHS Concert Season for a full Spring semester (may be used for Fall Semester order only)
2	Jazz Band: Member of the KHS Marching & Concert & Jazz Band for a full year school year. Points may be used for Fall Semester order only.

(The maximum points a student may accumulate in one school year for All Non ATSSB/UIIL State Solo and Ensemble Contests combined is 4 points. The maximum points a student may accumulate from any one contest event date is 4 points No points will be awarded to a student who does not appear (DNA) at the audition/contest/performance for any reason.)

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Alternate method for satisfying categories:

- A. The Director of Bands shall have the authority to “Award” a letter jacket to any Sophomore to Senior student at any time for outstanding/exemplary performance/service to the KHS Band and the Kennedale HS community, regardless of all categories.
- B. Senior Band Member - 3 Year Service Award. Any band student who has been a member of the Kennedale High School Band for their 9,10, and 11th grade years who has not previously been awarded a band letter jacket, will be awarded a jacket in August of their senior year, provided they are still an active band member in good standing and currently enrolled in the KHS band program and class.

“Good Standing” shall be defined as:

- A. A student who receives no citizenship grade less than “S” for band.
- B. A student who receives no referrals from the band directors to the KHS administration for behavior and discipline problems.

Application/Point Worksheet

See Attached.

Conflicts arising with these criteria will not be excused unless the conflict involves another varsity sport/activity, religious holiday, family emergency, or other reasons excused by the KHS Director of Bands and KHS principal. After all requirements are met, a student may be eligible to be fitted for a letter jacket if they remain in “good standing” as a member of the Wildcat Band. This status will be at the discretion of the directors and KHS Principal and may be affected by the following: absences or excessive tardies to rehearsals and performances, attitude or discipline problems related to the band program and school environment, or lack of respect shown to directors, peers, school facilities, equipment or uniforms.

The policies stated in this KHS Band Handbook may be revised on an as needed basis.