

Kennedale High School Band Color Guard Audition and Membership Information Packet for Fall 2023

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 Color Guard class for the Fall semester.

MEMBERSHIP

Any student, from beginning 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. 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 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 for ease of movement and dance. Members will not be allowed to wear articles of clothing that inhibit excellence during rehearsals.

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. 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) for the full duration of the Marching Band 8 minute 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 theater 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.

The competitiveness of modern color guard requires them to have many requirements. Some of these include uniform, performance shoes, warm-up suit jacket, 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 parents. 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 2023 Kennedale Color Guard.

COLOR GUARD FEES BREAKDOWN:

Color Guard Fees: 320.00 (these are Guard Fees specific to Color Guard Members)

Performance Uniform \$150.00

Performance Shoes - \$35.00

2023 Fall Color Guard shirt - \$20

Instructor Fee - \$75.00

Color Guard Jacket - \$50.00*

Band Booster Fees: \$130.00 (these are “regular” band fees that every band member pays)

Drink and Meal Fee - \$55.00

2023 Fall Show Shirt - \$20.00

2023 Green Pep Shirt - \$20.00

Booster Club Administrative fee \$35.00

Total EST. Fees for Fall 2023 Color Guard Members: \$450.00 *Returning members may not need items marked with asterisk

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 2, 2023

2023 Color Guard Fee Payment Schedule:

Audition Deposit at the time of Auditions: \$50.00 due Friday May 8th, 2023

1st Payment - \$50 due June 1, 2023

2nd Payment - \$50 due July 1, 2023

3rd Payment - \$100 due August 1, 2023

4th Payment - \$100 due September 1, 2023

Final Payment - \$100 due October 1, 2023 (or remaining balance)

There will be opportunities for students to participate in fundraising events. **Any fundraised money will be applied to the final two payments.** 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, eligibility to participate in band functions or events, and students will be reported to the office for fines.

AUDITION INFORMATION

At the audition, the candidates will be selected based on their performance of the flag routine, ability to maintain a steady tempo, and the ability to demonstrate body carriage and basic dance fundamentals. An 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 NOT a guarantee for making the group for the 2023 Color Guard Season.** If the auditioning student has any outstanding band fees, they will need to clear these before the live audition date.

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 least a minimum of TWO of these workshops in order to learn the expected audition material to audition on May 8th . Dates and times are listed below. Students will be instructed in the basics of flag fundamentals, and multiple techniques.

KHS BAND COLOR GUARD AUDITION WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

WORKSHOP #1

Monday May 1st , 2023 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the KHS PAC

WORKSHOP #2

Tuesday, May 2nd , 2023 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the KHS PAC

WORKSHOP #3

Wednesday, May 3rd , 2023 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the KHS PAC

AUDITIONS

In Person Live Auditions will be held in the KHS PAC on Monday May th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Auditions are closed to the public. Results will be announced at the end of the audition. Any written scores of the judges are not available for public review.

OTHER MEMBERSHIP EXPECTATIONS

Once selected to the KHS color guard, There are several **REQUIRED ATTENDANCE** “SUMMER BAND” dates throughout the summer of 2023 that every Guard member is required to attend. These summer Workshops/Camps are critical to our success. These dates and times are listed in the KHS BAND’S SUMMER BAND HANDOUT for SUMMER 2023.

Information about the KHS BAND (including the summer band handout) may be found at our website at:

<https://www.kennedaleisd.net/Page/765>

During the regular school weeks, in the fall, the guard will practice three to four days a week before school. 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 initial assignment they will have in the marching show. Attendance and participation in SUMMER BAND ACTIVITIES is a major determining factor in initial “marching show assignments” for the fall semester. Members will also continue to be evaluated each week before every marching band performance.

Parents and students, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the KHS Director of Bands Mrs. Kelli Wilson at wilsonk@kisdtx.net.

This attached 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 2023**

I have read the information contained in the Fall 2023 Kennedale High School Color Guard Audition and Membership Information Letter and the KHS Band's Summer Band Handout 2023. 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 NAME _____

Phone Number _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I have read the information contained in the Fall 2023 Kennedale High School Color Guard Audition and Membership Information Letter and the KHS Summer Band Handout 2023. 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 NAME _____

Parent E-Mail _____

Parent Phone Number _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

This Signature Page is to be returned to the band directors at the Audition Date on May8th in order for the student to be allowed to audition for the KHS Color Guard.