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RE: KHS Band Use of Ultimate Drill Book App for Marching Band and Student Smart Phone Devices

Dear Wildcat Band Family,

This year the Kennedale High School Wildcat Band will again, as in 2019, 2020, and 2021 utilize smart phone technology in learning our show drill for our 2022 show. Students will be using an app on a smart device to learn and access their virtual drill.

The Ultimate Drill Book app can be downloaded for free from any smart device that has access to the internet and the App Store. We are encouraging all students to have access to a device that is compatible with the Ultimate Drill Book program. Students that have a personal smartphone or iPad will be using their personal device in our rehearsals daily as we learn the virtual drill. Students that do not have access to a personal smart device will be provided with a paper copy of their drill by the directors. But we, and the students, do prefer the smartphone app!

Students will be responsible for having their smart device charged and ready to use each day. Students will be required to have their device with them on the field during rehearsal. **Those students that do not currently have a personal smart device with the capability to download the Ultimate Drill Book app are encouraged to do so before August 1st in order to utilize the program.** The App Fee for use of this program has been paid the WBC and KISD. Passwords and Logins will be provided to the students in July during summer band. Once a student has their personal smart device, they will be able to access the app and the virtual drill.

KISD Chromebooks do not currently accept the app. The Ultimate Drill Book app will take up very little space on your smartphone/device and will not prohibit any other smartphone/device needs. Once summer band has started, students will be shown how to download the app, create an account, download their drill, and use the Ultimate Drill Book app. The app requires each student to enter their name, an email address, instrument, and a profile photo that will be used for attendance and drill assignment. No personal information is used outside of the app and is only accessible to the Directors in charge of the Wildcat Band.

We are excited to utilize this new virtual drill for another successful year! Please let us know if you have any questions about the smart device expectations or uses. We will be walking through the Ultimate Drill Book set up process with the students once band camp starts. We will see you at band camp in just a few months!

Sincerely,

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