

KENNEDALE HIGH SCHOOL BAND COLOR GUARD AUDITION AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION PACKET FOR FALL 2024

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. 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 band rehearsals and performances.

REHEARSALS & PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

The Kennedale 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 with the KHS Marching Band, and in separate rehearsals. The Kennedale Color Guard is required to perform with the KHS Marching Band per the KHS Band Calendar of Events. These performances will include, but are not limited to: pep rallies, varsity football games, marching band competitions, and all other performances deemed necessary by the KHS Director of Bands and/or the Guard Instructor.

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 with spinning.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

The competitiveness of modern color guard requires many requirements. Some of these include uniform, performance shoes, warm-up suit jackets, 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. Below is a list of fees and estimated costs to the student for being a member of the 2024 Kennedale Color Guard.

Color Guard Fees: \$380.00 (these are fees specific to KHS Color Guard members)

Performance Uniform:	\$200.00
Performance Shoes*:	\$35.00
2024 Fall Color Guard Shirt:	\$20.00
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
2024 Fall Show Shirt:	\$20.00
2024 Green Pep Shirt*:	\$20.00
Booster Club Administrative Fee:	\$35.00

Total ESTIMATED fees for the 2024 Fall Color Guard: \$510.00

**Returning members may not need items marked with an asterisk*

The payment schedule of these fees is listed below. Full payment of all guard fees will need to be paid in full by October 1, 2024.

2024 KENNEDALE COLOR GUARD FEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE

	AMOUNT	DUE DATE
Audition Deposit	\$50.00	On or before May 7, 2024
Payment #1	\$80.00	June 3, 2024
Payment #2	\$80.00	July 1, 2024
Payment #3	\$100.00	August 1, 2024
Payment #4	\$100.00	September 2, 2024
Final Payment	\$100.00 (or remaining balance)	October 1, 2024

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 forfeited. Payments are expected per the schedule listed above. Non-payment of fees may result in : loss of performer status and/or 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. 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 KHS Winterguard is NOT a guarantee for making the group for the 2024 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 workshops to teach the candidates the skills necessary for the audition process. Students will be instructed in the basics of flag fundamentals and basic dance techniques. 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 7, 2024. Dates and times are listed below.

KHS COLOR GUARD WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Workshop #1		
May 2, 2024	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	KHS Middle Gym
Workshop #2		
May 3, 2024	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	KHS Middle Gym
Workshop #3		
May 6, 2024	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	KHS Middle Gym

KHS COLOR GUARD AUDITIONS

In person, live auditions will be held in the KHS Middle Gym on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Costume fittings will take place immediately after the announcement of the 2024 ensemble members.

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 2024 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 2024.

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

<https://khs.kennedaleisd.net/extracurricular/the-wildcat-band-homepage>

Information about the Kennedale Wildcat Band Booster Club may be found at the following website:

<https://khsband.com/>

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.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the KHS Director of Bands, Mrs. Kelli Wilson at wilsonk@kisdtx.net or Mrs. Lacey McGowan-Clark at mcgowanl@kisdtx.net

Thank you for your interest in the KHS Color Guard.

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KENNEDALE HIGH SCHOOL COLOR GUARD PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM FALL 2024

Please initial the following statements:

I understand that...

Student Initials	Parent/Guardian Initials
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_____	_____	If selected for the KHS Color Guard, the member will need to be enrolled in the color guard class during the school day.
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_____	_____	As a member of the KHS Color Guard, the student is also a member of the KHS Band, and will be expected to be in attendance at all required practices, rehearsals, and performances of both performing ensembles.
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_____	_____	This is a physically demanding activity and the performer needs to be in top physical condition. It is also understood that injury can occur while handling equipment.
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_____	_____	That there is a financial commitment to the activity and the payment schedule will be adhered to and any issues with payments will be discussed with the KHS Director of Bands as soon as possible.
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_____	_____	Past performance in any KHS Wildcat Band Ensemble, including, but not limited to the KHS Color Guard, KHS Winter Guard, etc., does not guarantee that the student will be automatically selected as a member of the 2024 KHS Color Guard.
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_____	_____	Attendance at TWO of the three KHS Color Guard Workshops is necessary in order to audition for the KHS Color Guard.
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_____	_____	The audition process is closed to the public, results are final, and any written comments regarding the audition are not available for review.
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_____	_____	The student will be required to submit their report card from the most recent grading period.
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Please read the following statements and sign below:

I have read the information contained in the Kennedale High School Band Color Guard Audition and Membership Information Packet for Fall 2024 and the KHS Band’s Summer Band Handout for 2024. 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 KHS Color Guard, I will strive for excellence within the Kennedale Wildcat Band as a member of the color guard.

Student’s Name: _____

Student’s Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

As parent/guardian of _____, I have read the information contained in the Kennedale High School Band Color Guard Audition and Membership Information Packet for Fall 2024 and the KHS Band's Summer Band Handout for 2024. I understand the time, discipline, and financial commitment necessary for my student to be a member and maintain membership in this group. My student will adhere to the rehearsal schedules, payment schedules, and performance schedules as set forth by the KHS Band Directors, the KHS Guard Instructor, and the Wildcat Band Corporation.

Should my student be selected to be a member of the KHS Color Guard, I will support them in this endeavor. I understand that payments are non-refundable once paid upon my student being selected as a member of the KHS Color Guard. I will adhere to the payment schedule deadlines as listed in the Kennedale High School Band Color Guard Audition and Membership Information Packet for Fall 2024.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

FOR DIRECTOR USE ONLY

- Audition Deposit Amount: _____ Cash Check Check #: _____
- Parent/Guardian Permission Form
- Copy of report card