

Kennedale HS Band Letter Jacket Information/Guidelines

Letter jackets are a symbol of accomplishment and commitment to the program for which they are awarded. Letter jackets will be awarded to qualified students after meeting a high level of requirements representative of their achievement. Band letter jackets will be awarded and ordered twice a year. The target dates for the orders to be made are September 1 and March 1. Jackets will usually take 6-8 weeks for delivery.

Letter jackets will only be awarded to students currently enrolled in the KHS band program.

Should a student leave the program, for any reason, they will forfeit all points accumulated to date and lose eligibility to receive a letter jacket.

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.

Around the last week of August and the week after the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest (mid-late February) a student may turn in an application to the directors for a desire to be awarded a letter jacket. The application will include 2 brief letters of recommendation: from teacher, administrator, or paraprofessional, 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 student applicants 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 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 the band program
3. The student completes the application process

VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS REQUIREMENT (NEW 2023)

Every applicant shall complete 8 hours of community service at a KHS Band Director Approved KHS Band Function Event, such as: KHS Pancake Breakfast, 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.

CRITERIA

Students must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible to receive a Band Letter Jacket:

1. Currently enrolled at KHS
2. Currently enrolled in a KHS Band Class and an active full time participant in the band program for the ENTIRETY of the current school year for March orders and full year prior if ordering in September
3. Active participant in all KHS full band functions; Contests, Concerts, events, etc.
4. Academic Ineligibility shall not be held against the student for lack of participation in events listed in bullet 3. Other absences will be addressed on a case-by-case basis

5. Students must accrue 8 points to be eligible for a letter jacket. Students may begin accumulating points beginning the first day of school of their first year enrolled in the KHS Band Program. Points are cumulative and must be accumulated while a member of the KHS Band. Points from other activities will not count toward awarding of the KHS Band Letter Jacket
 - a. Students are responsible for keeping track of points accumulated on their own points worksheet with appropriate signatures from the KHS Band Director. If the worksheet is lost, the student will be required to start over with a new accumulation sheet.
6. Students will accumulate a minimum of 8 band service hours BEFORE applying for a letter jacket. Hours may be earned separately and will accumulate. Students that have not earned the required 8 hours will not be allowed to earn a letter jacket for that cycle.

POINT SYSTEM

<u>Leadership Service to KHS Band</u>	
<u>Points</u>	<u>Activity</u>
4	Squad Leader/Lieutenant
6	Captain/Drum Major

<u>Individual Music Enrichment</u>	
<u>Points</u>	<u>Activity</u>
1	All-Region Audition Process
3	Selected to Region Band
4	Selected to Area Band
6	Selected to State Band
1	Participate in Solo/Ensemble (per event)
2	Div II on Class I/II Solo/Ensemble
3	Div I on Class I/II Solo/Ensemble

* Students that do not audition/perform at a contest/audition they have signed up for will not gain points for that event

<u>Ensemble Music Enrichment</u>	
<u>Points</u>	<u>Activity</u>
1	Full Semester Winter Guard/Drumline (can be applied in the following Fall)
1	Full Semester Marching Band (can be applied in the following Spring)
1	Full Semester Concert Band (Spring)

	(can be applied to following Fall)
1	Full Semester Jazz Band (can be applied to following semester)
1	Participate in Solo/Ensemble (per event)
2	Div II on Class I/II Solo/Ensemble
3	Div I on Class I/II Solo/Ensemble

Senior Band Members that have not been previously awarded a letter jacket will be awarded a letter jacket in August of their senior year, provided they are still an active member in good standing and currently enrolled in the KHS Band program and class.

Good Standing

1. A student who receives a citizenship grade of “E” for band.
2. A student who receives no referrals from the band directors to the KHS administration for behavior and discipline problems.
3. A student shall have accumulated no more than 10 demerits throughout their time in band

Application/Point Worksheet

See attached

Conflicts with the criteria listed 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 have been 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. The 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 show to directors, peers, school facilities, equipment, or uniform.

The policies stated above may be revised on an as needed basis

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