



Erol K. Oktay
Director of Bands
Kennedale ISD

2021-22 is Mr. Okay's 30th year of teaching and 20th year as Director of Bands for KISD. The Wildcat Band has placed in the top 4A bands of the state during Mr. Oktay's tenure. The Wildcat Marching Band has been a Texas State Marching Band Championships Qualifier eight times, a four-time Finalist, with a highest finish of fifth place in 2014 and 2018. The band is a four time TMEA Honor Band State Qualifier ranking sixth in 2014. The Wildcat Band has won the UIL Sweepstakes Award eleven of the last twelve years. The Wildcat Band is a two time winner of the statewide concert band contest sponsored by the ATTSB, the Outstanding Performance Series Award. The KHS Wind Ensemble has been named a "National Winner" of the Mark of Excellence Award Competition sponsored by the Foundation for Music Education. Mr. Oktay holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of North Texas. Mr. Oktay and his wife, Cherie reside in Arlington. The Oktays have two adult sons, Jordan and Ryan. When not at the band hall or with his family, Mr. Oktay can be found either on the banks of our north Texas lakes spending time fishing, or in the woods hunting wild turkeys and the ever-elusive white-tailed deer.

