

## **Graduation Registration & Fees**

Approximately 3 weeks before the actual graduation date, the graduation registration will become available online and in paper form. You can register via the web in our online store or at your next class. At this point in the curriculum cycle, most students will not have earned all three merit stripes, however to facilitate our preparation process we ask that all students register for graduation at this time. These short-term goals are vital to progress in the program.

The appropriate fee is due at the time of registration and a late fee will be assessed for on all payments received after the deadline. Even worse than an avoidable charge, students that register late may not be allowed to graduate at all. Don't let your child suffer—register on time! If for any reason the instructor staff determines that a student isn't sufficiently prepared by the graduation date, the fee will be credited to the next graduation.

## **Rank Graduation**

The culmination of each curriculum cycle is graduation. This is a celebratory event where all students will demonstrate the material they have been working on over the previous cycle and hopefully be awarded their new belt rank. Friends and family are encouraged to attend and support the graduating student.

**Note to Parent's:** In our opinion the first graduation is the most critical. For younger students especially, the first graduation is especially important as it gives a sense of accomplishment and confidence that will help your child achieve an "I can do this" attitude critical for success in martial arts and in life. We have many parents express concern that their child isn't performing the way they would like in class. Like any worthy endeavor, martial arts training takes time and persistence. Thousands of children just like yours have gone on to earn their black belt and none of them "looked like a martial artist" when they started - some of them literally could not stand still for more than five seconds, for others it took weeks of encouragement before they had the courage to even step onto the mat. Your child will succeed, but we need you to trust our methods.



# Graduations and Rank Advancement



## Songahm Taekwondo Belt Ranks

The concept of colored belt ranks is probably one that people most frequently associate with Taekwondo and martial arts in general. At Fusion Martial Arts, we believe in the power of goal setting and belt ranks are a centuries-old, visible representation of a student's progress. Merit stripes are used to denote short-term progress between belt ranks. Students will also earn both a recommended and decided belt of each color denoted by a 1-inch black band on the right tip of the colored belt. In Songahm Taekwondo, the belt progression of colors reflects the inner journey of each individual and every belt achieved is truly an accomplishment worthy of respect.

## Curriculum Cycle

Our curriculum cycle rotates approximately every 6 – 8 weeks during which all Basic Students will learn new techniques, form patterns, and sparring segments as well as a new LifeSkill to apply at home, work/school, and in their martial arts training. During each graduation cycle a student will earn 3 merit stripes that will be awarded in class for fulfilling the following requirements.

**Red Stripe:** Basic Techniques and Forms

**White Stripe:** Sparring Segments

**Blue Stripe:** Attitude/ Parent Stripe (for younger students this stripe may be removed at any time at the discretion of either the Instructor or Parent)