



# ALPHA MARTIAL ARTS

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## Testing & Graduation Procedures

The belts you earn at Alpha Martial Arts are an outward symbol of your hard work and dedication. They represent the new skills you have acquired and the time, energy and dedication you have invested in improving yourself. Earning a new belt is a big accomplishment and we want you to enjoy that success as a family. The following information outlines our testing and graduation procedures:

- **Tip Testing is held during regular class times** and is typically conducted on the last Wednesday and Thursday of every month. Tips are awarded for *trying* your best and demonstrating a *basic* understanding of the required curriculum. Specific dates for tip testing will be announced at the school.
- **Belt Testing is held during regular class times** and is typically conducted on the last Wednesday and Thursday of every quarter (March, June, September, December). Belts are awarded for *trying* your best, demonstrating a *solid* understanding of the required curriculum, overall *improvement* and the successful application of life skills at *school* and *home*. Specific dates for tip testing will be announced at the school. Please note:
  - Students with *two or more black tips* are eligible to test for their next rank. Students who pass their belt test will be awarded a *red tip* in class. The red tip entitles them to participate in the graduation ceremony, where they will receive their new belts.
  - Students who are not eligible for belt testing may test for a black tip. Students who pass their tip test will be awarded a black tip in class.
  - All students are welcome to attend and watch the graduation ceremony, however students must have a *red tip* to participate in graduation.
- **An Intent to Promote Form** must be completed by students under 18 years of age and turned in before testing for their next belt level (typically every 3 months). This is for *belt testing only* and *does not apply to tip testing*.
- **An Advancement Fee of \$30** is required before a student may test for their next belt level (typically every 3 months). The fee is \$15 for additional family members. This is for *belt testing only* and *does not apply to tip testing*. The Advancement fee includes the following:
  - Belt testing at Alpha Martial Arts
  - Graduation Ceremony (Offsite)
  - Free Admission & Parking for Unlimited Guests at Graduation
  - Student's New Belt
  - Certificate of Promotion & Rank recognition by Black Belt Schools International
- **An All-School Graduation Ceremony** is typically held one week after belt testing. Our quarterly graduation ceremonies are fun and inspirational events that you won't want to miss. They are an opportunity for you, your family and guests, to share in the achievement of your goals. Specific dates, times and location for graduation will be announced at the school.

*We look forward to sharing in your success as part of our Alpha Martial Arts family!*

**Goals We SET – Are Goals We GET!**