



DC MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY

Graduation Requirements

Students who have received their fourth stripe are eligible to graduate to the next Belt level. Please do not ask Instructors to test early.

Graduations for students receiving their Gold through Brown Belts are held monthly, usually on the last Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. Each student will perform all the forms and combinations they have learned. Adults are exempt from performing combinations at graduation.

Students must be at the school in full uniform (jacket tops, not tee-shirts) by 6 p.m. to check in and warm up. Parents of students under 18 years of age are required to complete a parent evaluation form BEFORE the student is graduated. These forms are available in the office and should be turned in as soon as the student has been approved for graduation -- preferably not during the graduation ceremony itself.

If you have received your 4th stripe, you will receive your new belt at the graduation ceremony -- no matter how many mistakes you make. You will already have been tested to ensure that you are ready to move on; the ceremony is to show your family and friends how much you have accomplished!

Students do receive grades on their class attendance cards during graduation. Those who have performed at an A+ level in class and at graduation will receive small stars for their uniforms. These are worn in a vertical row on the left side of the jacket.

Flash photography and usage of cellphones are discouraged during graduation, as they distract students who are trying to concentrate on their performance.