

International Taekwon-Do for mini-kids and intermediates

The process of our children's classes

The regular grade system for International Taekwon-Do has 10 grades between white belt and first degree black belt. These are represented by belt colours white, yellow, green, blue and red, together with a stripe grade between each belt colour. To attain these grades, students attend a formal examination, for which a fee is paid to the national association.

The requirements of this grading system are very difficult for young children, so we have a children's system to add additional grades between white and yellow belts. Between white belts and yellow stripe, children earn first green, first blue, first red and first black. Between yellow stripe and yellow belt, children earn double yellow stripe and triple yellow stripe. These customised grades are examined during regular classes, without an additional fee.

The children's system is about rewarding effort. The regular system is about meeting a standard. If a child is trying hard, and needs a little more time to achieve the standard for a formal grade, he or she may be awarded a second stripe of the existing colour – called “second blue”, or “second red”, etc.

Children's gradings

The final session of each term is a grading. The school instructor, Mr Banicevich, teaches the class, and reviews the progress of students. He provides feedback to the class instructors including areas on which to focus during the following term.

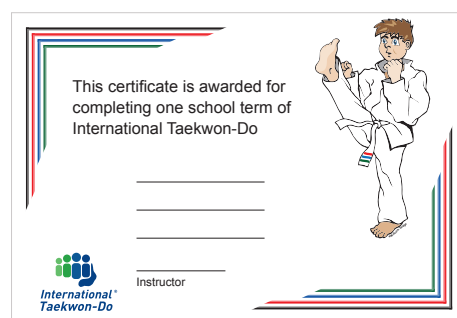
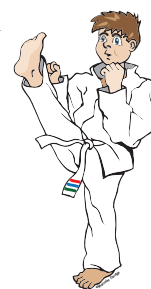
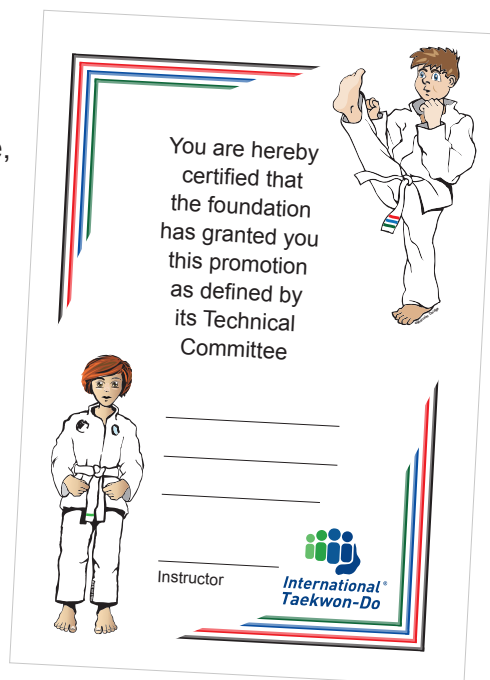
At the end of the grading, all students are awarded a certificate – either for attendance (for those ineligible to grade) or for grade progression – and those who graded are also awarded their next stripe. Parents are invited to photograph the students and instructors at the end of the grading.

If a student is unable to attend a grading, the next opportunity to grade is at the end of the following term. If a student progresses well, it is possible to double grade at the following grading to make up for the missed grading.

Eligibility to grade

To be eligible to grade, students must meet two requirements:

1. Satisfactory attendance at seven or more sessions. If a student attended all nine sessions in a term, he or she is eligible for an “A” pass at the grading.
2. Satisfactory reports from the student's instructor, parents and teacher.



Attendance – and pegs

Students must bring their syllabus book to every session. (Students should also bring their membership card, a pen or pencil, and a bottle of drinking water. A student who loses his or her syllabus book may buy a replacement from Mr Banicevich for \$20.)

During the session, any child who disrupts the class or performs poorly will have a peg attached to his or her uniform. If a child receives three pegs during a class, he or she has not achieved satisfactory attendance.

At the end of each session, the class instructor will open the page of each child's book to his or her present grade. Those with satisfactory attendance will receive a stamp. Those with three pegs will be noted.

To be eligible to grade, a child must have seven stamps for their current grade. If a child has all nine stamps for the term, he or she will be eligible for an "A" pass.

Reports – instructor, parents and teacher

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For this reason, one or two weeks before the grading, the class instructor will give each child a report template, complete with his or her feedback. We ask:


1. the parents to complete their section
2. the child's teacher to complete his or her section.

The report must be returned to the instructor before the term grading begins. If the child receives unsatisfactory reports from the parents or teacher, the child may not be permitted to grade.

Today's Taekwon-Doin

Each class, the instructor will select one student as "Today's Taekwon-Doin" (Taekwon-Do practitioner). That child is awarded a certificate for outstanding effort and attitude during the class.

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Student report card

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Our role is to support parents and teachers in this development. The child named below is approaching a grading. Please help us decide whether this child is ready to grade by spending two or three minutes completing this form.

If you would like to ask questions or discuss this form, please contact the school instructor, Mark Banicevich, mbanicevich@itkd.co.nz or 021 314 503

Student name: _____ Date: _____

For the instructor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Courtesy to instructors and adherence to dojang rules				
Attitude to others				
Enthusiasm in class, both in learning and in practice				
Attention span in large and small groups				
General behaviour before, during and after class				
Comments				
Name: _____		Signature: _____		
For the parent(s)/guardian(s)	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Attitude towards family members				
Willingness to help with house chores and own room				
Manners at home and otherwise				
Responsibility for getting himself/herself prepared (for an activity)				
Comments				
Name: _____		Signature: _____		
For the teacher	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Courtesy to teachers and adherence to school rules				
Courtesy and helpfulness to classmates				
Enthusiasm and diligence in lessons				
General behaviour				
Comments				
Name: _____		Signature: _____		
May we contact you to discuss this? yes / no				
Contact number/email:				
International Taekwon-Do school instructor use:				
Permitted to grade? yes / no				



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