

One **black attendance stripe** is given to each student at the end of class; if they have followed KMAA's Dojang Rules and met KMAA's behavioural expectations.

Once a student has accumulated the correct number of black attendance stripes, the Instructors will assess their knowledge of specific skills by doing a **level test** in class.

The number of black attendance stripes required before a student is ready for a level test depends on their **age** and **belt level**:

Age of student	Belt	Number of black attendance stripes required for a level test
Pandas (aged 3-4)	White Belt	3
Tigers (aged 5-7)	White Belt Gold Stripe and above	5
Dragons (aged 8-11)	White Belt	5
	Gold Belt White Stripe and above	7
Cadets (aged 12-17) Adults (aged 18+)	White Belt	5
	Gold Belt and above	7

If the student passes the level test, they are given **one coloured level test stripe**, corresponding to the skill they have just demonstrated. The black attendance stripes they had accumulated are discarded. Level testing stripes can be awarded in any order (i.e. students may receive a blue, yellow or a red stripe first).

Blue	Kicking, blocking, stances
Yellow	Self-defence
Red	Poomsae (also called Forms or Patterns)
White	Sparring
Green	Weaponry

If a student has enough black stripes for a level test, but the Instructor feels they are not ready or need more practice, they will provide feedback and the level test will be attempted another time.

Students continue to accumulate black attendance stripes and coloured level test stripes until the required number of level tests have been completed to qualify for a **belt grading**:

Belt range	No. of level test stripes required for belt grading	Required coloured stripes
White Belt – Blue Belt	3	Red, Yellow, and Blue
Red Belt	4	Red, Yellow, Blue, and White
Brown – Black Belt	5	Red, Yellow, Blue, White, and Green

The student will then receive a **yellow and green grading stripe**, indicating they are ready for their next belt. The student should visit reception to register for a Belt Exam, which are scheduled regularly throughout the year.

When a beginner student is ready for grading, their belt will look like this:

