



## ATTENDANCE POLICY

Because the success of the student's experience depends upon teacher-student relationships and peer interactions, being absent from class disrupts the individual's educational process. Therefore, a **DEW Wellness & Martial Arts Program** Participant is expected to attend every scheduled class period.

### ATTENDANCE IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE!

**Your training at the DEW Wellness & Martial Arts Program begins and ends WITH YOUR ATTENDANCE!!!**

Participant membership and attendance does not guarantee promotions. Karate is a perishable skill (especially with kids!), without consistent training, it can be lost.

**Requirements for the DEW Wellness & Martial Art Program** - A candidate before being tested must first have the minimum *active* time-in for their present rank leading up to an announced test date. All (Jr & Adult) white to and including purple belts must have a minimum attendance of Fifty-percent (50%) of the offered classes per month.

What will be termed as, "Major Test Dates (Purple, Brown, and all Black Belt Dans)," will be twice a year: May, June, or July (once) & November, December, or January (once). During any Major Test Date(s), lower rank tests can also be conducted at those times, as they apply. There will be regular test dates announced for lower ranks below Purple. All tests for Purple Belt and up must be conducted by the **DEW** Chief Instructor, during the stated Major Test Dates. To continue, lower test dates will occur throughout each year, as they are needed and apply. Further, any and all Black Belts that become classified as *Below Attendance* will not qualify to be a member of a testing board (or teaching privileges and this would apply to Brown belts). Black Belts will now, in advance, receive invitations to take a seat on a testing board from the Group Chief Instructor for an up and coming test night. Any of the above attendance requirements can be, at some infrequent times and at the discretion, waived, appropriately (family function/issue, employment, or academics require you to not be able to attend class.), only by/of the Group Chief Instructor.

Examples of unacceptable reasons: school socials/dances, other sports, or just taking the night/season off, no waiver... Further, a student who is in attendance deficit have the option of training additionally, to make up lost time/attendance. Also, additional training can accelerate one's training, learning/understanding, and quite possibly promotion. **Note:** Even making the attendance quota does NOT guarantee a belt test/promotion! Entitlement thinking cannot be applied here.