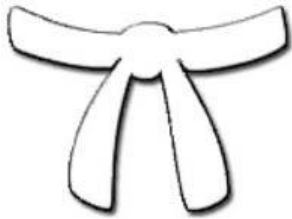


# ELMWOOD SCHOOL STUDENT LEARNING STATUS



**1/ White Belt: APS 7 - 12** White signifies a birth, or beginning, of a seed. A white belt student is a beginner searching for knowledge of the Art. The white belt is the beginning of life's cycle, and represents the seed as it lies beneath the snow in the winter.

**2/ Orange Belt APS 13 - 18:** Orange represents the growing power of the sun as it warms the earth to prepare for new growth in the spring. The orange belt is starting to feel his body and mind open and develop.



**3/ Blue Belt : APS 19 - 24** Blue signifies the blue sky as the seed sprouts from the earth and begins to grow up. A blue belt student moves up higher in rank just as the plant grows taller. The light feeds the plant so it can continue to grow. The student is fed additional knowledge of the Art in order for his body and mind continue to grow and develop.

**4/ Green Belt : APS 25 - 30** Green signifies the growth of the seedling as it grows from the earth, reaching toward the sun and begins to transform into a recognizable plant. A green belt student learns to strengthen and refine his techniques.



**5/ Brown Belt : APS 31 - 36** Brown represents the ripening of the seed, a maturing and harvesting process. A brown belt is an advanced student whose techniques are beginning to mature, and he is beginning to understand the fruits of his hard work as a beginner.

**6/ Red Belt : APS 37 - 42** Red signifies the red-hot heat of the Sun as the plant continues growing toward it. As a red belt student acquires more detailed knowledge, just as the plant grows slowly toward the Sun, so the red belt student learns to be more cautious with his knowledge and physical abilities. Red is a sign of danger, and the red belt is beginning to become dangerous with their knowledge and abilities.



**7/ Black Belt : APS 43 - 48** Black signifies the darkness beyond the Sun. A black belt seeks new, more profound knowledge of the Art. As he begins to teach others, he plants new seeds and helps them grow and mature. His students, many whom will form roots deep into the Art, blossom and grow through the ranks in a never-ending process of self-growth, knowledge, and enlightenment.

