

# Looking for a Martial Arts School?

You're a consumer. You want to make a well educated decision about the school you choose, whether it is here or somewhere else. Included are some important questions you may want to ask.

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#### What values/concepts are taught?

Our programs our based on a life time learning concept. The building blocks for our system are monthly themes including:

- GOALS PERSEVERANCE
- COURTESY HONOR
- LOYALTY SELF-CONTROL
- RESPECT INTEGRITY
- ATTITUDE

What type of martial arts is taught?

Taekwondo is the basis for training at ATA Martial Arts. However, the curriculum is enhanced with material from other styles of martial arts.

Do other schools teach the same material?

This is a key question to ask any school you are considering. As a member of the American Taekwondo Association (ATA), the world's largest U.S. based martial arts organization; there are 1,500+ schools across the U.S. that are teaching the same material. You can move across the country, find another ATA school and resume your training.

# CLASSES/SCHEDULE

What is the difference between the Monday/Wednesday classes and the Saturday Session classes?

Two different types of classes are currently offered. Monday/Wednesday classes continue throughout the year and new students can join at any time. Saturday classes are session based and have a distinct start and end date to the session. However the same material is covered in the Monday/Wednesday and Saturday classes. Due to class size restrictions, students must be enrolled in either Monday/Wednesday classes or Saturday session classes.

How long are the classes?

Classes are typically 30-40 minutes long. Longer classes tend to be less effective, due to both energy levels and also the attention spans of younger students.

What is a typical class size?

Class sizes vary. Our class sizes range from 4 -15 students. Some schools have no limit on the number of students in each class; however we limit the size to help ensure students receive enough individual attention. The Tigers class is capped at 10-12 students.

### COST

Be sure to look at the <u>TOTAL</u> cost of any program. Many schools have extra hidden costs that you should keep in mind. Be careful of schools that offer a very low introductory offer and avoid questions about the cost after the intro is done.

Registration/Membership fees

An annual school membership (\$30) covers mandatory insurance for each student at our school. This fee is waived as part of our New Student Intro Program.

#### Cost of the uniform

Included FREE \$40 value) as part of our New Student Intro Program.

Black Belt Club fees to work with weapons or advanced material.

We work with weapons, do board breaking, and cover advanced material as part of our regular curriculum at no extra charge. Some schools charge an additional \$50 or more per month for this type of training.

What is the Monthly cost?

The cost for classes at ATA Martial Arts is \$60 per month.

Family Discounts are available:

1<sup>st</sup> Family Member \$60 per month 2<sup>nd</sup> Family Member \$50 per month (\$110 total) 3<sup>rd</sup> Family Member \$40 per month (\$150 total)

## TESTINGS

How much do testings cost?

Testing costs vary based on rank, but typical testing costs for our Karate for Kids, Teens, and Adults are \$35 and \$20 for Tiny Tigers.

#### (Family Discounts are also available for testings.)

How often can I test?

Testings occur approximately every 3-4 months. Your instructor will determine if students are ready to test for their next rank at testing time. Everyone is different and learns at a different rate. As students progress, testings may become less frequent due to the increased complexity of material.

Where are testings?

Testings are typically held at the same location as classes. Judges are brought in from other parts of the state so students do not typically need to travel outside the area as part of testing.

Why are guest judges at testings?

Guest judges occasionally are bought in to give students additional exposure to other instructors and also to obtain an outside perspective on student and instructor performance. It is another way we help ensure we continue to provide the best quality instruction available.

## **INSTRUCTORS**

What are the requirements for becoming an instructor?

The American Taekwondo Association has one of the most structured instructor certification programs in the world. This includes 300+ hours of teaching under direct observation, written examinations, and physical requirements, followed by three levels of certification in which trainee instructors must demonstrate their teaching ability before an instruction panel. Instructors must keep their certification current once it is obtained by continuing education.

Many competitors allow a student to become an instructor simply by earning their black belt or by studying with a high rank instructor.

Have some additional questions you think would benefit other students who are deciding on a martial arts school? Let us know. We'll be happy to answer any questions and are willing to add additional questions to this list.



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