






SIGNIFICANCE OF BELT COLORS

TYPE OF BELT







 Black Belt
 Red Belt with a Black Stripe
 Red Belt
 Blue Belt with Red Stripe
 Blue Belt
 Green Belt with Blue Stripe
 Green Belt
 Yellow Belt with Green Stripe
 Yellow Belt
 White Belt with Yellow Stripe
 White Belt

RANK

1 st to 9 ^h Dan
1 st Gup
2 nd Gup
3 rd Gup
4 th Gup
5 th Gup
6 th Gup
7 th Gup
8 th Gup
9 th Gup
10 th Gup

The above colors have not been arbitrarily chosen. They are, in fact, steeped in tradition. The colors of black, red and blue denoted the various levels of hierarchy during the Koguryo and Silla Dynasties.

MEANING OF BELT COLORS

 White Belt	Signifies innocence, as that of the beginning student who has no previous knowledge of Taekwon-Do.
 Yellow Belt	Signifies the earth from which a plant sprouts and takes root as the foundation of Taekwon-Do is being laid.
 Green Belt	Signifies the plant's growth as Taekwon-Do skills begin to develop.
 Blue Belt	Signifies the Heaven, towards which the plant matures into a towering tree as training in Taekwon-Do progresses.
 Red Belt	Signifies danger, cautioning the student to exercise control and warning the opponent to stay away.
 Black Belt	Opposite of white, therefore, signifying the student's maturity and proficiency in Taekwon-Do. It also indicates the wearer's imperviousness to darkness and fear.