

STUDENT PLEDGE

I understand that the martial arts program strives towards the improvement of the whole person. Therefore, it insists on the constant interaction between the spiritual and the physical. I will emulate the high ideals of all ancient cultures, such as tolerance, non-violence, respect for my peers, dedication to duty, and honor to my superiors.

I shall maintain a good rapport with my school. I will be loyal to the spirit of martial arts, as well as to those who are inspired by the martial arts spirit. Since I have chosen to become a student of the martial arts, I am obligated to be loyal to its spirit.

I will not criticize other students; an unwritten rule of martial arts requires that students only speak well of other students.

I will be extremely cautious about making promises, but I will keep the ones I do make.

I will be punctual for class.

I will react in a mature manner to every event, regardless of whether it is favorable, frustrating, or disastrous, as I represent my school.

I will act always with my purpose before me. I will act with sincerity and forthrightness.

I will endeavor to overcome any shyness I might feel about being in front of an audience. In this effort, I will assist my instructor in teaching beginning students whenever possible.

I will not hesitate to take necessary risks in order to develop into an ideal martial artist.

I will endeavor to finish what I have started, to reach my goals, and to set new ones.