

Welcome to Piano Karate!

There are seven belts to be earned over the next 10 months, how many can you collect?

White Yellow Orange Blue Green Red Brown Black

You have a bookmark which will collect all your belt ribbons as you earn them. Use this bookmark to easily find your current assignment in your duotang.

Everyone starts off with the white belt. There are several challenges that must be met before you can test for the next belt. The speed at which you earn your belts depends on how quickly you meet each of the challenges.

The Challenges: For each challenge you go over and above, you will receive a bonus towards your belt test.

1	Practice	28 days completing the full assignment for the week. OR a minimum of 15 minutes of practice time at the piano.
2	40 Piece Challenge	Pass seven songs on your 40 piece Challenge page.
3	Monthly Assignment	Complete one assignment. Each assignment is related to the country you chose to learn about this year.
4	Memory	Memorize 2 songs
5	Write a song	Write one song. We will be making a collection of the songs you write during the year!
6	Performance	Prepare and perform 3 songs for at least 5 people, you may include the song you wrote in this list! Performances may be done over the phone, Skype, Facetime, etc.
7	Technique	Perfect 4 technical skills that we will be working on. These may be scales, triads, or arpeggios.

The Belt Test: Students will be graded on their test and require a 60% to pass. You are allowed to retry parts of your test to pass or improve your mark. A .5% bonus mark can be earned for each additional task completed beyond the minimum requirement.

1	Technique	Any two of the technical skills we have been working on.
2	Ear Training	Complete one Play back, Clap Back, and identify any of the relevant intervals and pitches that we have been working on.
3	Sight Reading	Complete a playing portion and rhythm portion
4	Theory	Complete a minimum of 25 flash cards in one minute.
5	Repertoire	Perform a selection of three songs that we will have previously chosen together. You will be graded on the same elements listed on your 40 Piece Challenge page.

The Black Belt: Students who are testing for the Black Belt will have one additional requirement. After you have completed the main testing requirements you will also need to select 5 songs and put together a formal performance. Will do a private performance first to make sure we are ready for your public performance of at least 10 people present. This performance can happen in your home or any other facility you choose to use. If there are several students ready for this component of their black belt at the same time, I may organize a location and help host the event.