**GAMA COBLESKILL**

**MEANING OF THE BELT COLORS**

**WHITE** - Signifies innocence, as that of the beginning student who has no prior knowledge of Tae Kwon Do

**YELLOW** – Signifies the seed from which a plant sprouts and takes root as the Tae Kwon Do foundation is being laid

**ORANGE** – Signifies brightness of discovery and the richness of its fruits.

**GREEN** – Signifies the plants growth as the Tae Kwon Do skill begins to develop.

**BLUE** – Signifies the heaven towards which the plant matures into a towering tree as training in Tae Kwon Do progresses.

**PURPLE** – The color in the belt mirrors the beautiful flowers in nature, and reflects the beauty and grace of natural arts, including the martial arts.

**RED** – Signifies danger, cautioning the student to exercise control and warning opponents to stay away.

**BROWN** – Signifies the color of Earth and it represents the endless cycle of nature; never ending and always fruitful, unless spoiled. Mother Earth, just like your own inner self, is spoiled by pollution and neglect.

**BLACK** – Opposite of white, therefore signifying the maturity and proficiency in Tae Kwon Do. Also indicates the wearer’s imperviousness to darkness and fear.