

CHESS & SCHOLASTIC OPPORTUNITIES



THE CHESS CLUB AND SCHOLASTIC CENTER OF SAINT LOUIS

- a destination and resource for chess players of varying skills
- elevates and broadens interest in the game among children and adults in the Saint Louis area
- sponsors competitive and recreational play
- offers school-based programming that provides cognitive, behavioral and academic benefits to students





WE BRING THE BOARDS, THE PIECES, THE INSTRUCTOR AND THE FUN TO YOU!



ENROLLMENT

- Afterschool chess programs are designed to fit each school's needs, its demographics and existing after-school structure.
- The Chess Club will provide information packets and, if needed, classroom and PTO presentations, to help students, teachers and parents make informed choices about participation.
- This includes dispelling the misconception that chess is only for students that perform at high academic levels.



INSTRUCTORS

- Afterschool chess classes are taught by instructors, many of whom are college students, teachers and parents.
- Instructors are hand-picked for their experience in early childhood education and knowledge of chess
- All instructors must pass stringent background testing prior to certification



INSTRUCTORS

Successful afterschool chess instructors possess these common characteristics:

- Understand the fundamentals of chess
- Enjoy interacting with youth
- Can be fun and engaging
- Have strong communication skills
- Can manage 10-16 young people at a time
- Are capable of teaching for different learning styles
- Are caring adults that encourage youth to succeed in all aspects of life.



CHES CURRICULUM

The afterschool chess curriculum was developed to be instructive and hands-on:

- each lesson begins with a 15-20 minute instructor-led demonstration of how to utilize a concept, followed by a hands-on activity that correlates the particular concept.
- During chess play, students receive individual and group instruction. Lessons are aligned to specific Missouri Show-Me Standards (Paraphrased for brevity):
 - **MATH 1** addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; numeration and estimation
 - **MATH 2** Geometric and special sense involving measurement
 - **MATH 4** Patterns and relationships within functions and algebraic, geometric concepts
 - **MATH 5** Mathematical systems (real numbers, whole numbers, integers, fractions),
 - **MATH 6** Discrete mathematics (such as graph theory, counting techniques, matrices)
 - **Goal 1** The knowledge and skills to gather, analyze and apply information and ideas.
 - **Goal 3** The knowledge and skills to recognize and solve problems.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

1. Increase awareness and broaden interest in chess among all students.
2. Teach and/or reinforce basic and advanced math concepts through chess.
3. Promote cognitive development through activities that support critical thinking, concentration, memory, logic and analysis.
4. Provide positive reinforcement for students that strive to learn.
5. Create structured, yet fun, after-school learning environments.



FIELD TRIPS

- The Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis is a great place to bring a group of students for a field trip.
- We offer a tour of our world-class facility, including the tournament hall, library, classroom and casual play area.
- Students will also receive a lesson catered to their skill level and participate in a mock tournament, where they will get their adrenaline pumping with a series of games against one another.



THE CCSCSL IS THE PREMIER CHESS CLUB IN THE COUNTRY

In addition to promoting chess to thousands of area children and adults, the club plays host to the most prestigious chess tournaments in the nation

- The 2009, 2010 and 2011 U.S. Championship
- The 2009, 2010 and 2011 U.S. Women's Championship
- The 2010 and 2011 U.S. Junior Closed Championship
- Will host 2012 U.S. Championship and U.S. Junior Championship



AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Awards from the United States Chess Federation (USCF):

- In 2009 and 2011, the USCF awarded Saint Louis the title of “Chess City of the Year.”
- In 2010, The CCSCSL was named “Chess Club of the Year.”
- In 2009 and 2010, Executive Director Tony Rich won “Organizer of the Year.”
- In 2009 and 2010, club founder Rex Sinquefeld won the Gold Koltanowski Award, given to the person who does the most to further chess in the U.S. each year.



WHAT DOES THIS COST?

- Our affordable programs cost as little as \$3.50 per student per session and include a full hour of afterschool instruction and equipment.



FALL 2011 PROGRAMMING

945 students at 59 locations and 80+ individual weekly classrooms, at an average of 12 students a class

