

# SCHOOLHOUSE CHESS®

Making Learning Fun!

After-School  
Enrichment  
Program

Chess  
makes children  
smarter!

Beginner and  
Intermediate  
classes

Appropriate  
for grades 1-6

Each child  
receives a magnetic  
chess set



- Chess pieces come to life through creative personalities.
- A take-home summary card with activities is provided each week.
- Classes are a combination of chess lessons and play.

Using the same philosophy as Mad Science, Schoolhouse Chess makes learning chess fun! We teach chess with fun characters and stories that are woven into a logical, step-by-step curriculum that begins with the basic rules and extends through advanced strategies and tactics!



Included with the program are the registration flyers for the whole school, weekly take-home sheets, a portable chess set, and a certificate of completion. We offer two levels: "Beginner" and "Intermediate". Both levels participate in the same session - the instructor splits the time evenly between both groups during the hour. First the lesson of the day is discussed for about 10-15 minutes. Then the rest of the time is spent practicing the day's lesson, with the kids playing each other while the instructor walks around answering questions and emphasizing the rules of the game.

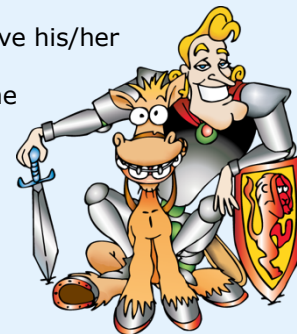
Registration is available on-line.



**If one or two chess levels are being offered at your school, which level is the most appropriate for your child?** Please use the following definitions as guidelines to assess your child's skill level. Students in primary grades typically repeat the *beginner level* to build their confidence and skills before moving to the *intermediate level*.

**Beginner Level:** Student has not played chess before or is still learning the fundamentals (as listed below under "Beginning Chess Level")

- **Lesson 1 - Welcome To The World of Chess!:** Meet the chess pieces, how they move, learn how to set up the board and the basic rules of play. Discover a special move called pawn promotion.
- **Lesson 2 - Where Is The Check?:** You win the game when your opponent cannot move his/her King to safety. Learn the difference between check and checkmate.
- **Lesson 3 - Two Moves In One:** Protect your King by moving him to a safe place in one of his "castles". It is a weird move called *castling*.
- **Lesson 4 - Making Che\$\$ Money:** Become skilled at good trades. This is called knowing material.
- **Lesson 5 - Working Together:** Use your pieces together to become a winning team against your rival's King.
- **Lesson 6 - King Of The Best Fortress:** The theme of this lesson is basic strategy and controlling the center of the board.
- **Lesson 7 - Train Your Chess Eyes:** Your eyes and brain combine to find the right moves! Meet your mentor "CHAD".
- **Lesson 8 - Meet The Master Paul Morphy:** The past reveals one of the greatest natural chess geniuses in history.



**Intermediate Level:** Students must already have a clear understanding of these concepts taught in the Beginning Class - \*How pieces move and capture \*Check and checkmate \*Castling \*Pawn promotion \*Concept of material

- **Lesson 1 - Just Checking:** Assesses the student's knowledge of beginning course content.
- **Lesson 2 - The Chess Language:** Students will be taught how to record chess moves or notations.
- **Lesson 3 - The Weakest Link:** Discover a great tactic - attacking the "f-pawn".
- **Lesson 4 - En Pesant - The Strange Pawn Move:** En Pesant is a very difficult concept in chess - it does not fit with other moves in the game.
- **Lesson 5 - Forks - The Muti-attack Tactic:** Forks are a devastating basic tactic in intermediate chess play.
- **Lesson 6 - Pins - Sticking To It:** The ability to pin piece one to another makes long range pieces so dangerous.
- **Lesson 7 - Swarming Your Opponent:** Students will be taught the importance of counting attackers and defenders.
- **Lesson 8 - Meet The Master Jose Capablanca:** Cuban born, Capablanca never read a chess book yet became a champion.



Classes progress through lessons as students learn each topic. **All students receive a travel size magnetic chess set and weekly worksheets.**

**NOTE:** Classes are skilled-based so children can continue in the program for multiple sessions.

