

Sponsorship

You may be as creative as you like when finding solutions for financing this unique educational opportunity. However, the most common method occurs on an individual basis. We like to see the school or the PTO pay for the equipment in the very least. Businesses and charitable organizations are also excellent sources of funding.

Club setup

1-hour club each week, 15 minutes of instruction, 45 minutes of free play.

Elite instruction group

For those advanced students.

Private instruction

In your home or remote location.
Please call for availability and pricing.
Pricing is based on location of lesson, length and number of students taught.
We have many instructors.

Pricing

Please call for current prices, scheduling and which instructors are available.

Sample Course Topics

- A. Rules of the game/Movement of pieces
- B. Notation
- C. Etiquette
- D. Mental preparation/attitude adjustment
- E. Visualization/Imagination
- F. Time management
- G. Basic mates
- H. Basic endgames
- I. Formation of plans
- J. Basic strategies
- K. Tactics/Combinations/Analyzing
- L. General Tournament Training

Midwest Chess Academy

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Goals & Objectives

We are offering an exciting effort to bring chess into the regular school curriculum. Chess brings out latent abilities that have not been reached by traditional educational means. Chess must assume its fundamental role as a mental integrator and motivational activator.

- Our essential goal is to teach children to think critically.
- Achieve state and national recognition for our students.
- Help ensure schools act in accordance with the *No Child Left Behind Act* regulations.
- Get students exposed and active in the scholastic tournament circuit to hone their skills.

Operations

Midwest Chess Academy offers services on a full-time, year-round basis. This company provides schools with an experienced chess professional who will organize your club and provide instruction. We primarily work with elementary schools but service preschool through 12th grade. MCA provides a club atmosphere where all individuals receive basic instruction each week, either before, during or after school. The club will be separated by skill level, if necessary, to facilitate effective proper instruction. Advanced instruction can be made available at an outside location. Schools will also need to provide a staff sponsor to coordinate with tournaments. Equipment will need to be purchased by the school.

Facts

- Chess has proven to increase the aptitude in math and reading/verbal performance of most children.
- Chess has proven to increase critical thinking or problem-solving skills and creativity.
- Increases cognition dramatically for remedial or average students.

Benefits

- Play at any age
- Teaches independence and responsibility
- Gives kids a chance to meet and make friends
- Inexpensive
- Gives kids an identity
- Chess can enhance cognitive development, memory, social behavior and self-esteem.

Teaching Philosophy

There are three essential components necessary for growth in chess; the right information (material), the opportunity to apply that information (tournaments), and someone to guide you (coach). This company provides for two of the three.

Helping learners think logically is not easy. But our observations and research show that young children can be taught to think clearly with discipline, to plan ahead, and to make sound decisions. We've seen that the way children acquire these skills differs in fundamental ways from adults. Implications for education are basically two fold: teach children, emphasizing their natural capabilities, to take a global perspective and to acquire and organize data quickly, and attend to the processes of their thought rather than the outcomes.

Owner/Instructor

Tim Steiner—Age 32

- Been playing competitive chess for 16 years.
- Candidate FIDE Master
- Achieved Expert level.
- Third highest rated active player in the state of Kansas.
- State of Kansas Champion in 2000.
- Kansas Scholastic State Champion in 1991.
- Defeated numerous masters in his career.
- Placed 12th overall out of 500 at National High School Championships in 1990.
- Was a member of scholastic team that holds the record for most consecutive 1st place finishes and most 1st place finishes for a season.
- Won numerous state and local tournaments in 125+ career events.
- BA in Biology from Kansas State University.
- Former Certified Emergency Medical Technician
- Former Co-President of Kansas Chess Association
- Vice-President of the Kansas City Scholastic Chess Association.



USCF Expert Tim Steiner