After-School Programs



CHESS ACADEMY

"National Master Wayne Williams - Instructor"

Benefits of Learning Chess

We believe that chess enables students to learn many positive skills that can translate over to their performance in academics and social aspects of life.

- Improves Critical Thinking
- Enhances Reading and Math
- Initiates Planning and Foresight
- Augments Creativity
- Strengthens Competitve Skills



Coach Aiden discusses "Check" and "Checkmate" with class

Our Programs Feature:

- Fun, weekly, one-hour chess classes
- On-site sessions, before or after school
- Chess sets and clocks provided on-site
- Student:Teacher ratio of 15:1 or less
- Values based training system (see below)
- Tournament practice during sessions
- Puzzle based assignments to reinforce lessons



Value Based Training System

Our mission is, *"To teach chess to children to enhance their academic and life skills,"* using our five core values of respect, study, planning, initiative, and perseverance. We also incorporate *"The 36 Qualities of Character" within each lesson.*



The graphic (above) shows the four core values as the four, center squares of a chessboard. That would be squares d4, d5, e4, e5. A fundamental tenet of chess strategy is to fight for control of these four squares in the opening moves.

In the very center is the word, "Respect." This would be the foundation that the core values rest upon (thus in the exact center of the board). Respect means both "self-respect" and "mutual-respect."

FAQs

What ages/grades do you accept?

We teach Chess to students in grades 1-8 in our before and after-school programs.

Does my child need to bring anything?

No, Think Move Chess provides all materials. You may wish to purchase a scoresheet pad or book, but that is optional.

How do I register my child for the Class?

Register now from our website https://www.thinkmovechess.com - click on Programs at the top of the page, then click After-School. Alternatively, call David Acosta at 864-729-0544 or e-mail him at DAcosta@thinkmovechess.com and he will guide you through the registration process. You will receive an email confirmation when you register for a Think Move class.

Can my child go directly to the chess class when school is dismissed?

We will follow the school's procedures at the conclusion of the school day. There will always be a Think Move instructor at the class location when your child arrives.

If the Chess class is after-school, how and where do I pick up my child?

We will follow the school's procedures so you can pick up your child after the chess lesson. Ususally, this is done through a car line pick-up system supervised by the school.

What if my child's school doesn't offer a Think Move Chess program?

Please call David Acosta at 864-729-0544 or email him at <u>DAcosta@thinkmovechess.com</u> to set-up our chess program at your child's school.

What other chess programs does Think Move offer?

We offer an ongoing chess academy and/or private instruction so that your child may continue to improve his/her chess skills. For more information contact David Acosta at 864-729-0544 or email him at DAcosta@thinkmovechess.com. You may also visit our website at https://www.thinkmovechess.com/.



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