

Chess in Schools

School Club Chess Coach Certificate Course



How do you teach students the basics of chess?
How do you keep students motivated throughout the year?
How do you communicate the benefits of chess to parents and educators?



Duration: Two Days

Target Audience: Teachers and/or Chess Coaches with both chess and teaching/coaching experience who will be teaching chess in an after-school setting where the focus is on improving chess skills.

Course Description:

School Chess Teacher Training was developed to provide teachers with a certificate recognizing that they have met the required level of chess knowledge and understanding of didactical methods for teaching chess in schools. The course deploys chess as a vehicle to teach thinking skills such as problem solving and logical analysis. The methods learned are suitable for pupils from age 8 and older. The course was originally developed by the European Chess Union and has been modified for the United States.

Participants will:

- Review basic chess knowledge with a view to instructional methodology.
- Learn strategies for classroom management along with using mini-game and social chess activities that help to differentiate for varying chess skill levels and keep students motivated.
- Discover tools for planning a year-long after-school chess program.

Prerequisites: Basic knowledge of chess.

Lead Instructor: Jerry Nash (pictured center)

Jerry Nash serves as a National Chess in Education Consultant. A former classroom teacher at both the high school and university levels, Nash understands the challenges of the classroom and offers a fun and engaging path for educators to learn the game of chess and link it to academic and life skills. He consults nationally and internationally and leads teacher training events across the nation. He is a frequent presenter at education conferences where he links chess skills to education standards. He was recognized by the University of Texas at Dallas as its 2015 Chess Educator of the Year.



Nash holds a Bachelor of Arts in English and French from The University of Tennessee at Martin. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Master of Arts in English from Tennessee Technological University.

Cost: \$450*

See our [course registration](#) page for dates and locations offered.

* Prices are subject to change.

Legend



Focus: Developing student proficiency in chess

Educational Premise: Student develops important thinking skills (executive functions) by simply learning and playing chess.



Focus: Teach Chess and Chess Variants taught using a SMART methodology that is based on educational research and proven best practices. Priority is given to aspects of chess that develop executive functions and promote far transfer learning.

Educational Premise: The selective use of chess training by teachers or outside chess coaches focused on developing executive functions and critical thinking, engages more students and yields greater educational benefits (than standard chess training).



Focus: Same as  plus connections to classroom curriculum. Teachers draw connections to curriculum while teaching chess. Teachers utilize chess examples while teaching to curriculum.

Educational Premise: Connecting chess to the classroom yields the greatest benefit.