

Chess in Schools

CIE Instructor Training – Level 2 Certification



How do I improve my chess skills?

How do I differentiate instruction for skill levels?

How do I build support for the chess program?

How do I build more curriculum connections with chess?

How can my school build a sustainable chess program?



Duration: Two Days (12-14 hours)

Prerequisites: Level One Certified CIE Instructor Training and experience teaching chess to children in a classroom or club setting.

Course Description

Participate in hands-on experiences designed to improve chess skills. Gain additional experience in designing chess-related lessons and after-school chess programming. Learn about activities which will increase student participation and maintain student interest. Learn what is required to sustain a classroom chess program over time within a school or school system. Successful completion of the course along with a passing grade on the final online test grants the participant certification from Chess in Schools as a Level Two CIE Instructor.

Through interactive lecture, group discussion, and hands-on activities, participants will:

- Build on basic chess knowledge, expanding knowledge of tactics and strategy.
- Learn additional connections between chess and curriculum standards for lesson planning.
- Learn additional strategies for program kickoff and culminating activities.
- Discover ways to improve communication with stakeholders.
- Learn the risks to success that school chess programs face and how to mitigate them.

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 is the Senior Advisor for Chess in Education for FIDE, the World Chess Federation.



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

- \$600 - \$700 per person*. (Prices may vary by location and are subject to change.) See our [course registration](#) page for the latest sites, prices, and dates offered.
- On-site at your location: Call for details.

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.