

Chess Masters

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Course Overview

Chess Masters is designed to introduce and develop strategic skills through the understanding of chess. Students will learn the basic moves, tactics, and fundamentals of the beginning, the middle, and the end game. The students will be exposed to the U.S. Chess Federation Rules, which will develop good sportsmanship.

Course Rationale

Basic skills such as observing others, considering their thinking, and disciplining self to react appropriately are encouraged and supported through playing chess. Students will need to think about the strategies being used by the opponent, consider how to react to them, and to react in a calm, self-disciplined, well-considered way.

Course Outcomes

1. Knowledge of the names and point values of the chess pieces
2. Knowledge of the movability of each chess piece
3. Knowledge of several strategic moves, such as Fool's Mate and King Indian's Defense
4. Knowledge of the benefits and rewards to correct decorum during chess matches
5. Knowledge of U.S. Federation Rules of Chess

Assessments

Students will be evaluated on several key concepts discussed during class. They will be given at least one grade per week.

Course Planner

Students will be exposed to the basics of playing chess and will begin the process of acquiring a rating. Each day students will play chess with classmates in order to earn a rating. At the end of the course the students with the highest ratings will be awarded Chess Master, Chess Master 1st Runner Up, and Chess Master 2nd Runner Up.

The above syllabus is subject to change based upon the instructor's discretion.