

William Land Chess Club Syllabus (2026-2027)

Chess Club will meet on Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, usually in the library. First meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2026

Chess Club is for students in **Grades 2nd thru 6th.**

Club Rules: William Land Elementary Chess Club wants all of its members to **have fun playing chess.**

- 1) There is **no eating** allowed.
- 2) Always treat each other with **courtesy and respect.**
- 3) **Never say** anyone's chess move is **dumb.**
- 4) Students who continue to **disobey the rules will be dropped from the club.**
- 5) Students who **miss 2 consecutive meetings will be dropped** and replaced by the student at the top of the waiting list. **This does not include sick or vacation days.**

Basic rules and strategies of chess will be given to students:

- 1) How to setup the chess pieces at the beginning of the game.
- 2) How to move each chess piece.
- 3) Introduction to some basic chess openings.
- 4) How to checkmate your opponent's King to win the game.
- 5) How to determine if the game ends with a draw or tie.
- 6) How to use a chess clock during a chess match.

Chess Trophies may be earned by club members with high scores in the following events:

- 1) **William Land Chess tournament**
- 2) **Checkmate the Coach contest**
- 3) **Chess Notation contest**
- 4) **Chess Puzzle contest**

Applications:

- 1) Please **print out and sign** the application and then either place it in the **chess club box** located in the **school's office** or **email me a signed copy.**
- 2) **Please do not send any payment until after your child has been accepted.** Last year we had at least 12 students on the waiting list.

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