

RSIS Chess Club

Chess is a two-player board game played on a chessboard, a square-checked board with 64 squares arranged in an eight-by-eight grid. It is one of the world's most popular games, played by millions of people worldwide at home, in clubs, online, by correspondence, and in tournaments. Everyone deserves to learn the game of strategy. You can play Chess your entire life or take it up at different intervals over a lifetime. You can learn Chess at any point in your life.

Each player begins the game with sixteen pieces: one king, one queen, two rooks, two knights, two bishops, and eight pawns, each of these types of pieces moving differently. There are 400 possible positions after two players make one move each. There are 72,084 positions after two moves played by each player. The learning never ends.

Mission

We believe in contributing to a sound academic and social foundation that extends the learning at RSIS and builds school spirit through the RSIS Chess Club. We feel that all children deserve to learn how to play chess and experience the benefits of exercising their minds in ways that can help them throughout their lives. Mounting evidence shows that playing chess and being part of a chess club has outstanding benefits: careful focused concentration, visualizing, thinking ahead, weighing options, analyzing concretely, thinking abstractly, problem solving, juggling multiple considerations simultaneously, increased standardized tests performance, strengthens friendships, and an improvement in emotional intelligence.

CODE OF BEHAVIOR

**For our RSIS Chess Club to be an enjoyable experience for all of its members,
I agree to the following rules:**

- I will learn chess, reach chess club goals, and follow appropriate Chess Club Behavior.
- While in the Chess Club areas (Classrooms, Library and Cafeteria), I will always listen to all adults and coaches. I will show respect for myself, for others, and for property.
- I will respect others' needs to concentrate during the learning part and chess games by speaking softly.
- I will stay in the designated areas unless with a parent volunteer. I will not run or roughhouse while in the Chess Club areas.
- I will show good sportsmanship while playing by accepting opportunities to play with many players. I will shake hands at the beginning and end of all games played, report game results, and focus more on what I have learned from a game than on whether I have won or lost that game.
- **If I do not follow these rules, I may be asked to leave the RSIS Chess Club.**

Student Printed Name

Student Signature

Date