

## It's easy to put chess into your program.

**Chess** is a learning tool for the development of the mind that just happens to be a game. Chess is making a strong contribution to children's growth and learning in schools, clubs and community programs across the country.

While children play, ***The Scholastic Chess Series***:

- Supports the academic goals of the Common Core State Standards, as well as Curriculum and Instruction Standards for the Gifted (NAGC).
- Enhances students' analytical skills and meets problem-solving and critical thinking objectives.
- Develops social skills and creates a sense of teamwork and community, building a bridge between family and school.
- Improves self-esteem and builds resilience, key components of personal protective factors.
- Reaches across diverse cultures and motivates learning, stretching across language, age and gender differences.

Whether used after school or integrated into the classroom or special programs, students reap all the educational and intellectual benefits of chess while you reinforce required standards and objectives. *Championship Chess* video, hands-on activities, step-by-step planning tools and classroom equipment make it easy for anyone to implement a successful chess program.

***The Scholastic Chess Series*** curriculum is ready to go. Teachers, mentors and counselors find it easy to introduce chess to children utilizing our methods, materials and optional training. *Championship Chess* is at the heart of many successful chess programs nationwide.

***The Scholastic Chess Series*** offers tools that work:

- Easy-to-follow video coaching
- "At-A-Glance" lesson preparation
- Step-by-step "how-to" instructions
- Challenging hands-on puzzles
- Reproducible Activities
- Tips for play and teaching strategies
- Interactive games and disks

**Chess for Success** *for all students*

Our readiness program includes an introduction to the chessboard, chess "characters" and chess moves through coloring activities, stickers, song and dance. Reproducible handouts and the music CD within this program improve spatial skills and develop math, reading and language readiness skills as they introduce basic chess concepts.

**Color My Chess World and Music CD** *for pre-primary and primary students*

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### **Chess Basics with Video and CD-ROM** *for beginners*

From setting up the chessboard and naming the squares on the algebraic grid, to identifying the pieces and how they move, to understanding check, checkmate and stalemate *Chess Basics* covers all the key concepts. Pre-chess games start with the Pawns. Games grow in complexity as students learn each new piece and how each interacts in the game. The video and reproducible handouts systematically develop and build chess skills.

#### **Pawn Games Interactive CD-ROM and Guide**

Build a more solid chess foundation, even if you know how to play. Step-by-step, one piece at a time, these quick, interactive drills improve students' skills and add excitement and fun to learning chess.

#### **Attack Chess Interactive Game**

Ready! Set! Go! You have 60 seconds to get your pieces into the fray. In chess, it's essential to see the whole board. Find long-range by the Rook, Bishop or Queen and see the multiple forks of the Knight. Train your eye and increase your speed with "Attack Chess."

### **Chess Openings 1 with Video and CD-ROM** *for anyone who knows the basics of chess*

Every game starts with an opening plan. *Chess Openings 1* begins with openings most popular with scholastic players — how to play them, how to stop them.

The video coach guides beginning students to:

- Develop their pieces rapidly
- Control the center
- Prepare to castle early for king safety

Challenging puzzles and instructional games demonstrate opening strategies. Students use these strategies in their own games and record their moves in algebraic chess notation.

#### **Practice the Openings Interactive CD-ROM Game Disk 1**

Refine your opening skills—learn the openings in "Demo Mode," then time and test yourself as you play against the computer.

### **Endgame Strategies 1 with Video** *for those who play*

Play the endgame and win. Prepare players for the most common endgames of chess. Learn how to checkmate and avoid stalemate. Learn endgame language: "walk your Rooks," "stay in the square," use the waiting move," "cut off the board," "win with the 'opposition.'"

The video coach presents step-by-step demonstrations of key endgame elements in easy-to-learn systems. The reproducible handouts provide directed practice and challenging puzzles.

### **Chess Tactics 1 with Video** *for those who play – great for daily puzzles!*

Tactics are critical to success in the middle game. This book is a puzzle book that instructs students in the key tactics used by the beginning player to advance the ability to think ahead, visualize, and weigh options. These tactics include Pins, Forks and Skewers, En Prise captures and checkmating problems. Puzzles are presented incrementally from easy to challenging.

## **Professional Development**

Championship Chess offers staff development online and on-site, at schools or in central locations. We can tailor a program, materials and schedule to fit your needs and budget. Ask about our multi-school/program options which include free online training and/or on-site training.

On site at schools or in centralized training via Alabama's Regional Inservice Centers; live online GoToMeeting-style sessions; recorded online tutorials

Professional Development will include introductions to the materials, plus follow-up access and sessions to answer questions and support ongoing formative and summative evaluation