



GRADE 11

Chess 11

SD43 Coquitlam

This course will focus on many facets - a brief history of chess, chess in culture, rules & etiquette, how to read & record chess games, strategy, tactics, opening, middle & endgame theory. A focus on the famous master games & daily in-class play & tournaments. This course take the student from beginner to novice play & students will also benefit from the logical, critical, analytical & creative thinking chess provides, skills that can be transferred to all subject areas & facets of life.

Credits: 4

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Hours: 120

Trax Code: Y

GOALS AND RATIONALE

Chess is proven to develop communication, thinking & personal & social skills. Participants exercise their powers of planning, memory, decision making, judgment, creativity & concentration. Chess can assist cognitive development in four areas: logic, memory, awareness/analysis & pattern recognition with overall improvements in all school test results in mathematics & reading. Chess is fun, engaging, inclusive, creative & the perfect venue to develop socio-emotional and cognitive domains.

BIG IDEAS

Strategic play and problem solving promote the development of executive functioning skills. Exposure to various degrees and contexts of challenge fosters creative and critical thinking. Non-verbal and visual interactions help people communicate and connect. Lifelong participation in leisure activities has many benefits and is an essential part of a healthy lifestyle.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Aboriginal Worldviews and Perspectives: Learning supports the well-being of self, family, community, land, spirits & ancestors. Taking on the challenges presented in chess games builds self-confidence & supports connections between individuals & communities in ways that preserve the land. Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential & relational. Learning involves recognizing the consequences of one's actions.