



# EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES

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## West Woods School Chess Program

**11 Weeks beginning Wednesday Mar 9, 3:45 – 4:45pm**  
**Spring Session Dates: Mar 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr 6, 13, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25**

### Why should students play Chess?

Chess is a fascinating game, which can be played and enjoyed at all levels. Educational research indicates evidence of a strong positive correlation between chess and student academic performance. Multiple studies have shown that learning chess throughout the school years improves competence in mathematics and other cognitive development. The educational research is conclusive: **Chess Makes Kids Smart!** The practical application of the skills learned while playing chess are the same skills necessary for academic excellence and lifelong success:

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| <b>Concentration</b>     | <b>Strategic Planning</b>  | <b>Analysis</b>    | <b>Good Sportsmanship</b>       |
| <b>Critical Thinking</b> | <b>Creativity</b>          | <b>Evaluation</b>  | <b>Fun!</b>                     |
| <b>Problem Solving</b>   | <b>Pattern Recognition</b> | <b>Competition</b> | <b>Good Decision-making !!!</b> |

**Beginners Level Program:** How to set up the board and move the pieces, How to Capture, How to Read and Write Chess Notation, Opening Principles, Elementary Tactics and Strategy, How to Checkmate.

**Intermediate Level Program:** Opening Principles, Space, Time, Positional Play, Tactics and Combinations, Strategy, How to Analyze a Position, Opening Repertoire.

**About the instructors:** Instructors are assistant coaches of the West Haven High School State and National Championship team or members of the University of New Haven Chargers Chess Team. The Program is guided by a USCF Certified Chess Coach and Senior Tournament Director, Jim Celone, Yale BA '83, MS '01. At West Haven High School, Mr. Celone taught math and chess, coached their 10-time state championship, and 2004 National Championship Renegade Knights chess team and runs local elementary school chess programs in the Greater New Haven area. He was honored as 2002 CT Chess Coach of the Year.

**Students should arrive promptly by 3:45 in the cafeteria.**  
**Questions? Call PTA Liaison: Tehmina Khan 203-606-4210**

**Any child exhibiting impolite or disruptive behavior will be dropped from the program.**

**For more info on tournaments and other programs visit [www.edutechchess.com](http://www.edutechchess.com)**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I wish to receive information about other chess programs, activities and tournaments in my area

**\$120 payable to West Woods PTA.**

# Parents

The Brainy Benefits of Chess

<http://www.parents.com/kids/development/intellectual/benefits-of-chess/?page=5>



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