



We are very excited to bring chess back to Thomas Metcalf School

Our goal is to provide a fun and positive educational experience for our students. In addition, we participate in local, state and national chess tournaments. Chess is a parent organized activity that relies on volunteers to help operate.

All Metcalf students can join!

All levels welcome, including those with no prior chess experience

Practices

We will meet **once a week** beginning Monday, November 1st until mid-March

Beginners will be from 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Intermediate/Advanced will be from 3:00 – 4:45 pm

Kids will check in with us at the end of school where a small snack will be provided. Each week there will be a lesson by our coaches and an opportunity to play a game of chess with peers.

Registration

Please pay your activity fee online **AND** fill out the registration form on the Activities page of the Metcalf website. We will add your family to the Team Snap chess account at that time.

Covid Protocols

Children and volunteers will be required to wear masks at all times during practice. Players will be placed in groups of four to play matches and only rotate within that group to limit close contacts.

Physical distancing will be practiced during lessons as much as possible.

Pick Up After Chess

Children in 4th grade or younger will be escorted and monitored outside at the front circle to be picked up. Parents are NOT to enter the building for pick up. If children are to report to afterschool, please make sure they know.

Children in 5th grade and above may leave the building to be picked up after chess practice.

Tournaments

Participation in tournaments is not required but encouraged. Team Snap will be utilized to notify us of participation in a tournament. Covid procedures will be in place at tournaments including all participants, parents, volunteers and officials are required to wear masks. In addition, there will be no eating in skittles areas.

Tournament planning is being developed by the local chess teams at this time.

T-shirts

We will design and have a chess shirt available for purchase soon.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist during practice, no knowledge of chess is needed.