



Checklist for Teachers

Make ChessKid an integral part of your chess classroom this year. Explore this comprehensive teacher checklist for preparation.

Before School Starts

Get Chess Sets and Materials at our ChessKidShop:

- Ensure you have enough chess sets, boards, and pieces for pairs of students.
- Check out the [ChessKid Branded Regulation Vinyl Chess Boards](#) for easy storage and transport.
- Obtain demonstration boards for whole-class instruction.

Curriculum Integration: Download our printed [Curriculum](#) for Free

- Identify how chess aligns with educational objectives in subjects like math and critical thinking.
- Plan how to incorporate chess-related activities into your lessons.

Lesson Plans: Use our online [Lesson Plans](#) for continued progress

- Develop lesson plans to teach chess rules, strategies, and tactics.
- Include [Interactive Activities](#) and games for engagement.

ChessKid Resources:

- Print out ChessKid [Infographics](#) as posters or handouts.
- Utilize the resources provided in the [ChessKid eBook](#) for teachers.

Chess Clubs and Tournaments:

- Consider [organizing chess clubs](#) before or after school for interested students.
- Plan occasional in-class or school-wide chess tournaments for friendly competition.
- See [case studies](#) on how others use ChessKid.



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At the Start of the School Year

Chess Notation and Recording:

- Teach students the basics of algebraic [chess notation](#) for game recording.
- Encourage students to [analyze their games](#) and learn from their mistakes.
- Teach why [mistakes and blunders](#) are a good thing.

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving:

- Design chess-related puzzles and challenges to enhance critical thinking.
- Integrate chess into discussions on problem-solving strategies.
- Engage students with ChessKid's collection of [Puzzles](#) to sharpen their critical thinking skills.

Collaboration and Sportsmanship:

- Emphasize good sportsmanship and [fair play](#) during chess matches.
- Promote collaboration and teamwork through partner play and group discussions.

Classroom Environment:

- Create a designated [chess corner](#) with easy access to sets and materials.
- Decorate the area with chess-themed visuals for an engaging atmosphere.

Parent Involvement:

- Encourage parents to learn chess with their children through workshops or family chess nights.
- Highlight the [benefits of chess](#) education in communication with parents.



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Throughout the School Year

Progress Tracking:

- Develop a system to monitor students' chess progress with ChessKid's group report cards and leaderboard.
- Celebrate milestones and achievements in chess within the classroom by using printable [certificates](#).

Cross-Curricular Connections:

- Explore opportunities to integrate chess concepts into other subjects like history or literature.
- Learn how chess is used for [STEM](#) lesson reinforcement.

Reflect and Adapt:

- Regularly assess the effectiveness of your chess program and read ChessKid [teacher articles](#) and [tips](#).
- Adjust your approach based on student engagement and outcomes.

By following this checklist and using resources from ChessKid, including [ChessKid's Interactive Guide for Teaching Chess](#), you'll be well-prepared to create an engaging and educational chess program for your students. Remember, adapt the checklist to suit your teaching style, classroom dynamics, and the specific needs of your students.