

Sacajawea Chess Club

(2019-2020)

Sacajawea Chess Club is open to all students K-5th grade. Chess Club meetings will be held in the café area from **3:15-4:00pm** on **Wednesdays**, but not during parent/teacher conferences, half-days or holidays. Our **first meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9th**. On arrival, students are expected to place backpacks on stage steps and have a seat. Clean up begins at 3:55pm, and students are finished at 4:00pm. Students will be released from the Café at the back of the building, and can be picked up in the back parking lot-accessible from Catskill Street. **Students not picked up promptly at 4:00 will not be permitted to continue in the club.**

No student may participate without enrolling on the form below and returning the form their teacher or front office.

As always, we are looking for parent volunteers who are willing to help. If you are interested, please let us know: ronda.bass@rsd.edu or lynn.reberger@rsd.edu. You do not need to be a chess player to help after school. The need is to help supervise Chess Club students in the Café area.

There will be no request for a \$5.00 donation this year. All students are welcome to participate in chess club without any financial contribution. We will still order t-shirts and you can order one after we get started and establish an idea of the number of participants in the club.

We have two general groups:

Recreational/Beginning: This group will learn the basic rules of chess and have opportunities to play other opponents near their skill level during the club meetings. No commitment to tournament play is required.

Advanced/Intermediate: Club members that know the rules and basic strategies and who may have an interest in local tournaments. There are usually a ten or more local tournaments each year-usually on Saturdays. Students from either group may attend tournaments.

Tournaments: See the schedule and register for tournaments at chesschampions.org.

Student name(s): _____

Grade(s): _____ Teacher's Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian(s) : _____

Address: _____

How will your students(s) be getting home: walking picked up Boys and Girls Club Other: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ Alternate phone: _____

Willing to help? Please provide email address: _____

Please also indicate the number of Wednesdays a month you could help supervise players: _____

Circle Preferred Group:

Advanced/Intermediate

Recreational/Beginner

Sacajawea Chess Club—General Information

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Chess Club will meet from 3:15-4:00 from October to April. If there is no school or only a half day, there will be no Chess Club. First Session will be **October 9th**.

Students should meet in the Café area as soon as their class is dismissed. Backpacks will be placed in a designated area during Chess Club.

Roll is taken during Chess Club. If a child comes in late, they should check in with the roll keeper.

Instruction time will begin at 3:20 and usually lasts about 10 minutes. After that, children are paired to play chess. When a game ends, if there is time, they are encouraged to look for another opponent to start another game.

Chess Club members will then play in the remaining time until 3:55, at which time we clean up and put materials away.

Please tell your child that while they are at Chess Club, they should be playing chess or listening to the instructor; not running around the chess area. Children should not commit to Chess Club unless they are willing to play one afternoon weekly until April. If your child is new to chess you should explain that it involves sitting at a table and playing chess.

We expect Chess Club members to practice good sportsmanship while playing, which includes abiding by the rules and encouraging their teammate to do their best. We will cover and review the rules of good sportsmanship regularly.

If a child receives three warnings concerning their behavior at Chess Club, we will require his/her parent to come with him/her to the next meeting.

It is the responsibility of club members to remember to come to Chess Club after school. We do not have time to look for them on the playground or in their classrooms.

Talk to your child about what time (4:00) Chess Club is over. **Parents are responsible for transportation** if their child is not walking home. Remember that in January it is dark at 4:00. For safety reasons we cannot allow students to leave on their own before 4:00 without parent permission.

Children are encouraged to bring their own snacks to Chess Club. With the exception of contacting parents, we discourage use of toys, smartphones, or electronic devices during Chess Club.

