WE WILL BEGIN AT 4:30 PM

PLEASE MUTE YOUR MIC



ASKING QUESTIONS

During the presentation, if you have a questions, we ask that you either type in the chat or unmute yourself during question-and-answer periods

AGENDA

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Welcome and Introductions

Arlecia Taylor, Academic Competitions

Aspen Overview & Requirements

Jourdain Gant, Academic Competitions

Chess Programs, Season, and more

David Heiser, Renaissance Knights

Q&A

KEY LINKS& FORMS

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- CPS Chess Rules & Regulation
- > Registering for Tournaments
- ChessKid Accounts & Tutorials
- Miscellaneous Employee Process
- > Level II Volunteer Process

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- Parental Permission & Student Data Sheet English
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- Coaches' Stipend/Payroll Summary
- Academic Chess LOI
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ACADEMIC CHESS TEAM

The Academic Chess programs has moved to Student Support and Engagement (OSSE) and is under Out-of-School Time (OST) Activities

- Chess Coordinator Arlecia Taylor
- Chess Consultant David Heiser
- Chess Project Assistant Jourdain Gant

PROGRAMS





Academic Chess (K-12)

Academic Chess provides elementary & high school students from diverse communities across the city with an opportunity to participate in vibrant chess programs. The CPS Academic Chess students participate in after-schools clubs and compete in tournaments throughout the year.

Cops & Kids Chess Initiative (5-12)

Cops & Kids is a year-round after-school program that promotes peace in the home, schools and communities by increasing positive relationships between youth and police officers while utilizing the game of chess as the vehicle for engagement.

PROGRAMS

THE CHESS SUMMER EXPERIENCE



Summer Experience (5-12)

Summer programing extends the work we do throughout the school year and is more than just a chess camp. From bring cops and kids together to providing college readiness workshops and specialized field trips, participants become positive citizens in their communities.

Chess Queens (9-12)

CPS Chess Queens is a year-round program intended to empower female chess leaders, foster an inclusive and engaging environment for girls, and expand the chess community.

CHESS STUDENTS

Academic Chess Students

- Are from schools that are registered in our programs
- Students can participate in both in person and online programs

Non-Academic Chess Students

- Are from schools that are not registered in our programs
- Students can participate in online programming only







ACADEMIC CHESS STRUCTURE

- Academic Chess is divided into 2 categories:
 - ➤ High School (Grades 9-12)
 - ➤ Elementary/Middle School (Grades K-8)
- Schools register for the program appoint an administrator to oversee the program
- Schools hire a chess coach/trainer to work with the students

COPS & KIDS STRUCTURE

Cops & Kids is for grades 5-12

- Schools registered for the program appoint an administrator to oversee the program
- Schools hire a chess coach/trainer to work with the students
- Conduct bi-weekly meetings
- Held in person or virtual
- Maintain weekly attendance

PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM





2023 - 2024 ACADEMIC CHESS

PARENT PERMISSION FORM, MEDIA RELEASE, and BEHAVIOR AGREEMENT

give my child (student name)
attending (school name) permission to participate in the CPS Academic Chess program during 2023-2024 school year and to attend CPS sanctioned chess tournaments that are held at various ocations in the city of Chicago, state championship competitions held in Illinois, and national championships held in the United States.
The Chicago Public Schools Office of Teaching and Learning and the Department of Academic Competitions have high expectations for students participating in each of the Academic Chess Competitions. We expect students to be respectful of peers, coaches, volunteers, and administrators. We also expect students to be mindful of all rules and adhere to them. All students are expected to comply with the Chicago Public Schools' Student Code Conduct at school and during every chess competition.
understand that participation in the online and over the board tournaments requires that my child's personal data be used for registration, and I hereby give consent for my child's chess coach and/or administrator, and Academic Competition staff to share my child's name, grade, date of birth, school, and any necessary medical condition that the tournament organizer needs to make accommodations for with Renaissance Knights. Furthermore, I authorize Academic Competition staff and Renaissance Knights to use this information as necessary to create ChessKid.com, US Chess, and FIDE memberships for my child as needed, and to register my child for State, National, and other tournaments my child may attend.
understand that the team coach is the official chaperone and that he/she has full responsibility to make medical or other necessary decisions and that as the child's parent and/or legal guardian, and that I will be held responsible for any damages resulting from the student's behavior.
I, hereby release the Chicago Public Schools, the Office of Teaching and Learning, Renaissance Knights, and the Department of Academic Competitions from all liability and responsibility and hold each of them harmless for any damage or injury which may be incurred or caused by my child before, during or following any such competition, including during travel. I further consent to the release of information about or relative to my participation activities, including scores, photographs, sound video recordings and any other data. The Academic Chess Program shall have full rights to reproduction and use of all such materials as will outside tournament organizers.
By signing this form, the parent/legal guardian and student hereby agree to follow the competition rules, adhere to the student behavior agreement, and accept interpretation and decisions made by the Academic Competition's team.
Signature of studentDate;
Signature of Parent/GuardianDate;
Please complete and return this form to your school's chess coach by October 15, 2023

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Coaches are to retain this form and have a copy of it to all tournaments

STUDENT DATA SHEET





2023 - 2024 ACADEMIC CHESS STUDENT DATA SHEET

LAST NAME	_ FIRST NAME	MI		
DATE OF BIRTH	GRADE			
SCHOOL NAME	GENDER IDENTITY			
US CHESS ID #	ID look-up at https://new.o	uschess.org/player-search		
CHESSKID USERNAME	DN'T HAVE ONE			
PARENT NAME				
CELL PHONE NUMBER	-			
EMAIL				
HOME ADDRESS		ZIP CODE		
Does your child have any medical conditions/aller	rgies of which we should be aware?	Yes No		
If yes, please specify also include any medication	your child is currently taking (preso	cription and		
over-the-counter):				

Please complete and return this form to your school's chess coach by **October 15, 2023**Coaches are to retain this form and have a copy of it to all tournaments



MANDATORY: Coaches must ensure that anyone who serves as a Coach, Assistant Coach, Volunteer, or in any other capacity in a school's chess program where they have contact with students (in-person or virtually) has completed & cleared the appropriate CPS Background Check Level prior to having contact with students.

Anyone who has not been cleared at the appropriate CPS Background Check Level are not allowed to attend practices, tournaments, escort on buses, etc.

Any questions on the CPS Background Check Policy should contact their school administration.



CHESS SEASON

The season consists of:

Conditioning and Practice

- Weekly or bi-weekly practices
- Held in person or virtual
- Maintain weekly attendance

Tournaments

- City-wide competitions
- Elementary Conference Playoffs & Championship
- High School Championship
- Outside sanctioned tournaments

Competitions is conducted using the U.S. CHESS FEDERATION OFFICIAL RULES OF CHESS and/or IHSA and any modifications or changes in competition rules as established by Academic Competition

HIGH SCHOOLS

- High Schools will have one citywide conference with an in-person Championship on January 20.
- Competitions utilizes 8-person
 Varsity team, 5-person Junior
 Varsity team, and individual Swiss format.
- Required to compete in four (4) team matches to qualify for the Varsity Championships and two (2) matches for teams to qualify for the Junior Varsity Championships. (Note: 6 matches are required for the entry to the IHSA Series)



HS may only participate in the IHSA Team Chess state series if the school's c team participates in at least six chess contests prior to the IHSA Team Chess state series, counted as follows:

- Only contests involving the school's varsity team shall count toward the total.
- Every team match involving five or more boards, whether conducted independently or in a tournament, shall count as a single contest.
- 3. All other competitions involving five or more varsity players competing as individuals shall count as one contest per date.
- 4. The IHSA will permit virtual matches to count towards the six-contest requirement. The virtual match consists of all players from each team in a single location with play being monitored by the coach.

CLARIFICATION OF #2

2. Every team match involving five or more boards, whether conducted independently or in a tournament, shall count as a single contest.

Means, if a school plays in a 4-round team tournament, that will count as 4 contests, as each round is considered a separate team match.

ELEMENTARY / MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Divided into two conferences:

North & South

- Competitions may utilize 5person team or individual Swiss format.
- Required to compete in two in-person Academic Chess tournaments to qualify for their Conference Championships.



- K-8 Playoffs will take place on March 2
- It will be an in-person tournament
- Format will be individual Swiss with both individual and team awards

Advancing to the K-8 Championship

The top 3 teams & top 4
 individuals who are not a part
 of an advancing team



K-8 CHAMPIONSHIP

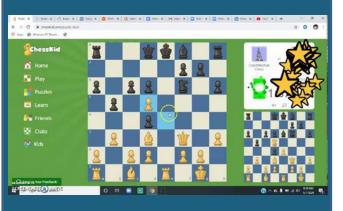
- K-8 Championship will take place on March 16
- It will be an in-person tournament
- Advancing teams are limited to five (5) players at the Championship

TOURNAMENTS

We will be holding both in person (OTB) and online tournaments

- OTB tournaments are opened to Academic Chess Students
- Online tournaments are open to both Academic Chess and non-Academic Chess students

List of tournaments can be found at www.cpschess.org



CPS ONLINE TOURNAMENTS

- Tournaments conducted on the ChessKid Platform
- Students must have a ChessKid account associated with CPS
- Access tournament by computer not a mobile device
- Event page lists details: sections; times; awards; etc
- Limitations We are unable to
 - Troubleshoot internet connection
 - Manually pair players
 - Adjust game results
 - Day of login issues, problem with joining tournament

Video on How Kids Join a Chess Tournament

JOINING ONLINE TOURNAMENTS

- No pre-registration for most tournaments
- JOIN TOURNAMENT link opens 15 minutes before the start of the tournament
- MUST ACCESS the tournaments THROUGH A WEB BROWSER, not a mobile device of any kind
- To participate students must have their ChessKid account associated with the CPS Enterprise account 3 days prior to the tournament.
- How to Join a tournament video

CPS ONLINE DATES



- •OCT 9 SEASON OPENER
- •NOV 22 FALL
- •DEC 23 WINTER
- •JAN 15 MLK DAY
- •FEB 19 PRESIDENTS' DAY
- •APRIL 1 SPRING

CPS IN-PERSON DATES

	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
•	OCT 21	ALL-STARS	BROOKS HS
•	NOV 11	JR/SR PREP BOWL	SOR JUANA
•	DEC 9	COPS & KIDS	TBD
•	JAN 20	HS CHAMP & KINGS & QUEENS	SENN HS
•	FEB 3	GREATER CHICAGO	MCCORMICK PLACE
•	MAR 2	K-8 PLAYOFFS	CLEMENTE HS
•	MAR 16	K-8 CHAMPIONSHIP	BEASLEY
•	APR 5-7	HS NATIONALS	BALTIMORE, MD
•	APR 12-1	4 ALL-GIRLS NATIONAL	MCCORMICK PLACE
•	MAY TBD	COPS & KIDS	TBD
•	JULY TBD	BLITZ & BUGHOUSE CHAMP	TBD

CPS IN-PERSON TOURNAMENTS



Event page to list detailed information, such as:

- Date, location, grade levels, who can play
- Safety protocols
- Who can register players
- Registration & player substitution period
- Deadline to request busing
- Tournament details: format; sections; times; etc.
- Lunch provided for players & chaperones
- Boards, sets & clocks provided in tournament room, schools need to bring for skittles room

TOURNAMENTS CHAPERONES

Schools will be limited to a set number of chaperones that is listed on the event page.

- Coaches count as chaperones
- They must be a CPS employee/teacher,
 Misc Employee, Level I or II Volunteer,
 or a CPS vendor
- Schools are responsible to ensure they meet the CPS volunteer policy; i.e. to travel on a bus
- Responsible for their school's students at the tournament
- Chaperones will not have to be registered in advance



Busing is available for each tournament

Request for busing must be done using the Google Form link on the event page and be done *before* the deadline

If a school does not cancel their requested bus by the Wednesday before the tournament, Academic Competition *will not* provide busing for that school for the next two tournaments they attend

RATING TOURNAMENTS



NEW THIS YEAR!!

Beginning this year, we will rate our tournaments with the US Chess Federation. This does not change how we operate our tournaments as we have been running our tournaments in compliance with US Chess rules.

Any CPS student playing in an Academic Chess tournament must have a valid US Chess Membership. A student with an expired membership or who needs one will be provided with a membership at no cost once the student competes in an Academic Chess tournament.

Memberships will not be provided to students just because their membership has expired, or they do not have one.



USCF MEMBERSHIPS

In order to create/renew USCF
Memberships coaches must have fully
completed Student Data Sheets with
them at the tournaments; either paper or
electronic format.

EACH USCF MEMBERSHIP MUST USE AN UNIQUE EMAIL ADDRESS.

When using an email address already associated with another USCF membership, their system will renew that membership. Also, the email address is used to log into an individual's USCF account.

USCF MEMBERSHIP SERVICE AREA



US Chess Membership Service Area can be found at https://www.uschess.org/msa/

This is where you can:

- Look up membership information to include a player's ID number and expiration date
- Find a player's ratings that includes the monthly Rating Supplement that is used for pairing tournaments
- 1. See a player's tournament history

REGISTERING FOR IN-PERSON TOURNAMENTS



NEW THIS YEAR!!

We are utilizing the King Registration System for in-person tournaments.

- Only coaches/school representative may register students
- Schools need to coordinate and communicate with parents before registering students
- Tournament registration deadlines and policies will be strictly enforced
- No offline registrations will be accepted

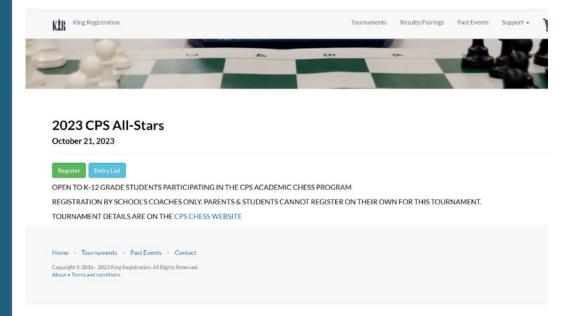
Guide to registering for Tournaments



USING KING REGISTRATION

King Registration does not require coaches to login, and we have streamlined the registration form. Accessing the registration form is done through the event listing on the CPS Chess Website.

Upon arriving at King Registration, you are given 2 buttons: REGISTER and ENTRY LIST. Click on REGISTER for registration and click on ENTRY LIST to view entries.



REGISTERING FOR INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENTS

After clicking REGISTER you will arrive at the Player Information section.

2023 CPS All-Stars Registration

Saturday October 21 View tournament information for details of the	event. Entry list is updated automatically upon registration.
Player Information	
Edit the USCF ID field or the	ne last name field to search the player database. The first 50 matches are shown. Add additional characters to refine the search. New USCF players may not be in the cache, but will be found upon registration.
USCF ID (rated sections only):	USCFID
First Name:	First Name
Last Name:	Last Name
Rating:	Expiration:
Grade:	v

NAME SEARCH

Enter either the student's USCF ID number or last name to search the player database. The first 50 matches are shown. Add additional characters to refine the search.

If the name is not found, type in first and last name, and enter 999 for USCF ID.

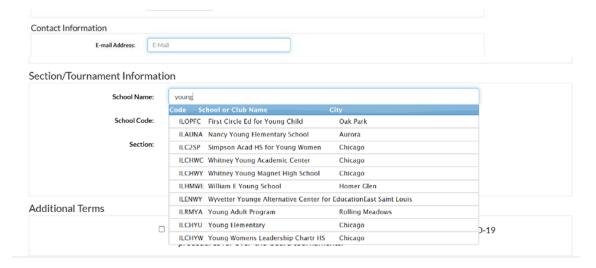
Enter student's grade.

Player Information						
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Last Name:	heiser	9		,		
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Rating: Grade:	12842560	Heiser, David E	676	2019-09-30	II.	
	12723659	Heiser, Dustin S	Unrated	1998-11-30	IL	
	15543331	Heiser, Easton	103	2015-10-31	IN	
Contact Information	12842568	Heiser, Eric	1994	2023-10-31	IL	
Contact Information	12834761	Heiser, Evan	1024	2008-04-30	ОН	
E-mail Address:	14690346	Heiser, Harold Russell, Jr	448	2014-07-31	FL	
	14865485	Heiser, Jakob	221	2013-02-28	NC.	
Section/Tournament Informatic	20070156	Heiser, James	1409	1998-05-31	PA	
Section, rounding in simulation	13429117	Heiser, Jason D	341	2007-04-30	NY	
School Name:	13696984	Heiser, Jeffrey Alexander	360	2008-04-30	NC	•
School Code:			School City:			

SCHOOL SEARCH

Enter the email address for the coach on chess club administrator.

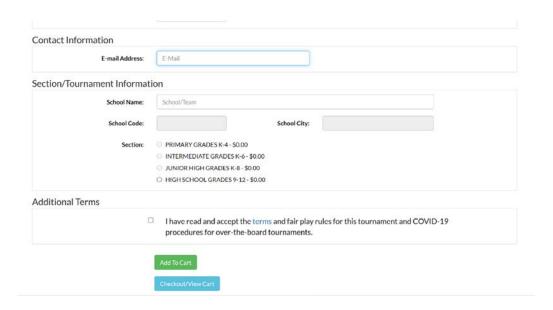
Enter your school's name to search the database of schools. You may need to search by last name; i.e. for Ella Flagg Young enter young to find Young Elementary. All CPS schools are in this database.



COMPLETE FORM

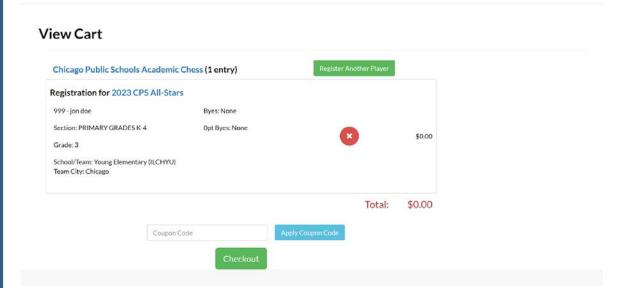
Then select the student's section. You will only be able to select the sections that are available for the grade entered above.

Check the additional terms then click on add to cart.

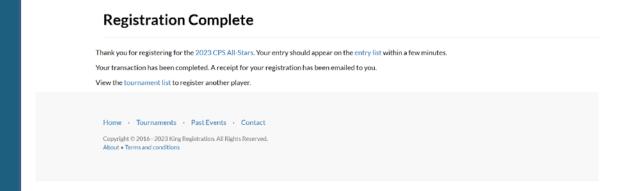


REGISTER MORE PLAYERS

Click on Register Another Player or Checkout



After clicking on Checkout your registration is complete if no payment is due



REGISTERING FOR TEAM TOURNAMENTS

After clicking REGISTER you will arrive at the Section/Tournament Information section.

You will have to type in your school's name as this is not attached to a database

- You will not be able to select a section at this time.
- •Enter the email address for the coach on chess club administrator.

2023 CPS Junior/Senior Prep Bowl Registration

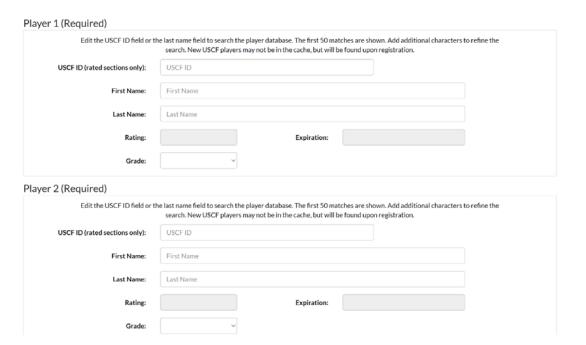
Saturday November 11 View tournament information for details of the event. Entry list is updated automatically upon registration. Section/Tournament Information Team Name or School: School/Team Section: PRIMARY GRADES K-4 - \$0.00 INTERMEDIATE GRADES K-6 - \$0.00 JUNIOR HIGH GRADES K-8 - \$0.00 HIGH SCHOOL GRADES 9-12 - \$0.00 Contact Information E-mail Address: E-Mail

TEAM MEMBERS

For each team member enter either the student's USCF ID number or last name to search the player database. The first 50 matches are shown. Add additional characters to refine the search.

If the name is not found, type in first and last name, and enter 999 for USCF ID.

Enter student's grade.



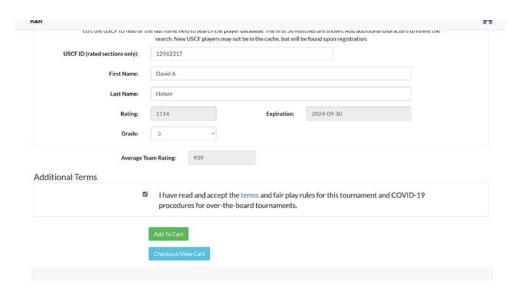
COMPLETE FORM

After entering all the team members, go back and select the section. You will only be able to select the sections that are available for the grade entered above.

2023 CPS Junior/Senior Prep Bowl Registration



Check the additional terms then click on add to cart.



REGISTER MORE TEAMS

Click on Register Another Player or Checkout

View Cart



Total: \$0.00

HS NATIONAL TOURNAMENT



National High School Chess Championship April 5-7, 2024 Baltimore Convention Center, MD

We will select up to 10 schools to participate in the Nationals as part of our group. CPS Academic Competition will arrange travel to and from the tournament, shared double bed hotel room (2 students per room / 1 chaperone per room), and cover the tournament entry fees and US Chess Membership, if needed for the tournament.

Students will arrive on April 4 so that they can participate in the Blitz tournament and return on Monday April 8.

HS NATIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA



Selection of schools will be considered based on the following criteria:

- Schools share in the cost of funding this trip by arranging to cover their student and chaperones meals
- Priority will be given to schools that were not selected to attend in previous years
- Active participation in the Academic Chess program over past several years
- 4) Provide two level 1 chaperones for the trip
- 5) Send a minimum of 6, maximum of 8 students in 7th 12th grade

Interest letters will be distributed in November with the return due date of December 8.

Announcement of school selections will be done by December 15

COACHES STIPEND



2023-2024 Academic Chess Stipends

Academic Competition provides each school in its chess program with one Coaches' Stipend. If a school has multiple chess coaches, the stipend may be divided amongst those coaches. In order to receive the chess stipend, coaches must meet the following:

STIPENDS

High School Coach	Elementary/Middle School Coach	Cops & Kids Coach		
 \$1,200 for coaching the season \$250 for participating in the IHSA Sectionals \$300 for Aspen data entry 	 \$1,200 for coaching the season \$300 for Aspen data entry 	 1,200 for coaching the season \$300 for Aspen data entry 		

- > If coaching both Academic Chess and Cops & Kids, the stipend is \$1,000.00 per program; Total \$2,000
- ➤ If a coach serves additional school(s), the additional school stipend amount will be \$600 per school. This also includes HS coaches teaching a separate academic center chess program.
- The \$300 stipend for Aspen data entry is issued per school.
- > Coaches may receive additional funds for their team's participation in additional state, local, and national tournaments.

REQUIREMENTS

High School Coach	Elementary/Middle School Coach	Cops & Kids Coach			
 Hold weekly meetings/practices from Oct - Feb Participate in the CPS HS Championship Participate in 1 AC sponsored inperson and 1 additional tournament Turn in completed Payment Summary Form by January 31 All required data is entered into ASPEN 	 Hold weekly meetings/practices from Oct - Mar Participate in the K-8 Playoffs Participate in 2 AC sponsored inperson tournaments Turn in completed Payment Summary Form by March 31 All required data is entered into ASPEN 	 Hold weekly meetings/practices from Oct - Apr Participate in the C&K December or end of year event Turn in completed Payment Summary Form by April 30 All required data is entered into ASPEN 			

^{*} External coaches must complete the mandated miscellaneous employee process for non-CPS employees in order to receive a stipend.

PAYMENT FORM



SCHOOL NAME:

2023-2024 Academic Chess Stipend

Payment Summary Form

					Type of Employee Teacher, ESP, or External Coach		Check all that applies			
Employee Name		Employee Number	: ID	HS Chess			K-8 Chess	Cops & Kids	Aspen Entry	
Check whic	h event your	school pa	rticipated in							
All-Stars	Jr/Sr Prep Bowl		HS Champ	Kings Queer		IHSA Sectionals	K-8 Playoffs	End year		Other HS Tourney
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CHESSKID WEBSITE



WWW.CHESSKID.COM

Academic Chess is utilizing the ChessKid.com platform for online tournaments and training

- Students who wish to participate in our programming through ChessKid must have their ChessKid account associated with the CPS Enterprise Account
- A signed <u>PARENT PERMISSION FORM</u> must have been received
- All accounts associated with CPS MUST have their usernames conform to the standards set by CPS in order to comply with the <u>CPS Acceptable Use Policy</u> for E-Learning and communicating with student
- For students with an existing ChessKid account, you will need to obtain a Registration Key from your coach and follow these directions to associate your account with the CPS Enterprise Account



PARENT WEBINAR

We will host virtual informational seminars for parents. One on Wednesday, September 27, and a second one on Thursday, September 28, both from 5 – 6 PM via Zoom.

Each day is limited to 100 participants and will be the same presentation each day.

Participants are required to register in advance for these meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

September 27 –

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkd-2vqDsiHt0ntPUUH3PEpzu09JzGDhzG

September 28 –

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZApdeqppzIjEtLKhi4wcCidwaJETN0swuG0

We have a limited supply of chess sets (boards & pieces) for schools.

Click below to request chess sets

CHESS EQUIPMENT REQUEST FORM

Request cutoff date is Oct 6. Sets will be sent to schools mid to late October

EQUIPMENT



SYLVIA NELSON JORDAN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

1 High School and 1 K-8 School students will be selected annually for the award

Coaches can submit 1 student from their school for consideration. Schools with both K-8 and High School students can submit 1 HS and 1 K-8 student.

Submission form with criteria will be sent to coaches

QUESTIONS

