

The explosion of social media and computer games has presented new challenges to this generation of children. They are constantly subject to the bombardment of multi-sensory stimulations that may hamper their development of life skills such as abilities to focus on task, to delay gratification, and to initiate long-term planning.

At Vancouver Chess School, we strongly believe that chess education can be used as a tool to counter balance this influence. Chess requires intensive focus, strategic planning, and logical thinking while there is a lot of room for creativity. Participation in chess tournaments also fosters sportsmanship. The best of all, the children are having fun while developing important life skills and building their characters.

**Vancouver Chess School (VCS) is ready to bring chess education to your school for children of all ages.**

**Our school offers:**

### **1. Comprehensive and Flexible**

We offer a unique six-level chess educational program, from Pawn Level (New to chess) to Expert (Master) Level. At the beginning we evaluate the students and place them in groups according to their chess skill level. At the conclusion of each course, we conduct an in-class and online test to ensure the students are ready to be promoted to the next level. Upon completion of each level, students are granted with a certificate to mark their accomplishment. For students who are particularly keen about chess and show great results in class may be further assessed and be promoted to more advanced levels.

### **2. Professional Instruction**

The program is taught by experienced chess coaches. Five members of VCS staff are former BC chess champions and winners of many local and international tournaments.

### **3. Interactive and Fun**

Our lessons are designed to be interactive and fun. We use high-tech equipment and software such as projector and VCS in-house developed software to present the class materials in the most efficient way. To engage the students, we organize different chess activities in the classroom such as rapid chess games, blitz, bullet chess, bughouse, blindfold chess, chess simultaneous exhibitions. Also, our students have the unique opportunity to login to their online accounts and refresh their knowledge of a particular topic at their own pace. Optional online homework is available if desired.

### **4. Effective Training**

Our program has proved its effectiveness in training competitive chess players. Currently, many VCS students hold leading positions in Canadian rating list in their grades (<http://www.chesstalk.com/elo/pub/>). Our students are enthusiastic tournament participants and have generated great results at provincial and national chess events.

### **5. All Inclusive Chess Education Service**

VCS provides a full range of chess services. In addition to offering instruction in group classes and private classes, VCS runs more than 100 chess tournaments per year, organize chess simultaneous exhibitions, workshops and offer teacher training program. We also sell chess equipment, software and books.

### **6. We are a Local Company.**

Our main goal is to provide high quality professional chess education for students of all age groups and chess levels in Metro Vancouver Area. Currently, we have two branch offices, located at Arbutus Shopping Centre in Vancouver and at Admiralty Centre in Richmond respectively.

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