

# Ambrose Chess Clubs

Chess players from beginning to advanced are invited to learn how to play chess and improve their skills by joining Chess Club.

## Why join Chess Club?

Studies indicate that children's academic performance can improve significantly when participating regularly in chess. Benefits include increased:

- Concentration, critical thinking, and problem solving.
- Imagination and creativity.
- Logical reasoning and pattern recognition.
- Strategic, long-term thinking and complex decision making.

## Goals for your child

In chess club, we focus on:

- Clear understanding — learning the basic rules of chess.
- How to win — basic tactics, opening, middle, and end game theory.
- Evaluation skills — learning chess notation.
- Strategy — through analyzing an opponent's position.
- Sportsmanship — proper chess etiquette, win or lose.

Students are encouraged to attend local tournaments where they compete against students from other schools across the valley. Representing The Ambrose School as part of a chess team helps instill teamwork, cooperation, and unity.



## About the Chess Teachers

**David Baumann** has many years of experience as a chess dad and coach. He is certified as a Local Chess Coach through the U.S. Chess Federation. **Ellen Baumann** is the school librarian and taught all four of her sons to play chess before they started Kindergarten. Together, they work to promote scholastic chess in the Treasure Valley through the Western Idaho Scholastic Chess League (WISCL).

**To register**, use this form: <https://forms.gle/fJo9RVPZ4nK25jSJ9>

**Main Campus:** Grades 3-6 meet **Tuesdays from 2:15-3:00pm** beginning **August 30th**.  
Grades 1-2 meet **Thursdays from 2:15-3:00pm** beginning **September 1st**.

**Bridge Campus:** Grades 1-12 meet **Mondays from 3:05-4:00pm** beginning **August 29th**.

**North Campus:** Grades 1-6 meet **Wednesday from 2:30-3:15 pm** beginning **August 31st**.

**Fees:** **\$160 per semester** for one student.  
**Multi-child Discount: \$300 per semester for two students / \$420 for three.**  
**Scholarships available.**

**Payment:** Cash, Checks (payable to David or Ellen Baumann),  
PayPal([paypal.me/ambrosechess](https://www.paypal.com/ambrosechess)), or Venmo (@ambrosechess).

**Questions?** Contact Ellen Baumann, at [chess@theambroseschool.org](mailto:chess@theambroseschool.org).

