

Teacher

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Brief Introduction of Instructor & Class

Hello!

I'm Angela Chen, and I currently attend Enloe High School. I've been playing chess for a very long time; from when my brother taught me how to play since I was little to now. I have played in many rated chess tournaments, and have brought back some trophies, including being tied for second twice NC Girls Chess Championships. Throughout middle school, I was lucky enough to be able to teach some of my neighbors' children how to play chess, and it was a great experience. Now, I'm super excited to be able to continue to share my passion for chess.

I am Alex Chen and a sophomore at Green Hope high school. I became a serious chess player relatively late at 3rd grade and is currently a USCF National Master and FIDE Candidate Master. I just got the bronze medal for team USA at the North American Youth Chess Championship. I have taught chess to players at all levels. Chess has taught me to never give up, keep focused and remain positive. I would love to share my passion of chess with you and hopefully you can have as much fun as me playing chess. I have taught chess to players at all levels. I will share my knowledge and passion for chess with you and let's improve together.

Required Textbooks/Extra Resources

Steps 1 and 2 (available via the Triangle Chess Center, i will discuss acquisition with TCC director once enrollment numbers and skill sets are determined). More advanced students would be comfortable in Step 2. Students unfamiliar with the basic early lessons of Step 1 would be advised to enroll in Chess 1

Other resources (online): "<http://chesskid.com>"chesskid.com, "<http://chess.com>"chess.com

<http://ChessTempo.com>"ChessTempo.com (tactics), "<http://ChessBase.com>"ChessBase.com (international chess news

Class Goal and Students Evaluations

While reinforcing basic understandings of endgames, openings, and tactics, the fundamental class objective is to prepare students for rated tournament play. Emphasis shall be placed on the use of clocks (game timers) and recording games through algebraic notation.

The ultimate testing will occur outside of class in the form of student performance in USCF rated tournaments.

* indicates 1st/last activity class, Yellow means no activity class on that week.			
Week	Date	Activity Class	Weekly Syllabus Fall 2019
1	9/7/2019	RACL starts, No Activity class	
	9/14/2019	*1st activity class for Fall 2019	Student evaluation via simultaneous play with the coach. Overview of common mistakes found in the games.
2	9/21/2019		Overview of Chess Ideas: Pins, Forks, Skewers, Discovered Attacks, etc...
3	9/28/2019		Endgames: Basic mates (i.e. Rook and King, Queen and King, Two Rooks...etc.)
4	10/5/2019		Tactics Session
5	10/12/2019		Tournament #1
6	10/19/2019		Discussion and review of Tournament #1 games. Middlegame: Bad pawns/bad pawn structure
7	10/26/2019		Openings for White
8	11/2/2019		Openings for Black
9	11/9/2019		Tournament #2
10	11/16/2019		Discussion and review of Tournament #2 games
No Class	11/23/2019	Thanksgiving Day Break	
12	11/30/2019		Review Famous Chess Games
13	12/7/2019		Tactics session
14	12/14/2019	*Last day for Fall 2018 Activity class	Simultaneous exhibition with coach