



## Chicago Chess Foundation

*Giving every student in Chicago the opportunity to learn, play, and compete in chess at low or no cost*

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### **Rook, Rattle & Roll – Bringing Chess to Your School**

The Chicago Chess Foundation (CCF) was formed in 2014 with a mission to provide chess instruction and competitive opportunities to all Chicago students at low or no cost. Our community is grounded in a shared vision of chess as a unique space through which students can connect with one another and develop valuable skills such as critical thinking and problem solving, all while having fun. Our clubs provide a safe and engaging place to go before and/or after school, that can be created at no cost to participants, or their schools.

The Rook, Rattle & Roll program will provide schools with chess equipment, instruction, teaching materials, professional development, mentoring, and opportunities for competitive play. CCF will work alongside successful program applicants to ensure the success of the club.

Once part of the program, schools will be required to provide a Local Chess Advocate (LCA) who will oversee the chess program at the school. This LCA can be a school staff member or a CPS-approved (for CPS schools only) parent or community volunteer. The LCA will be in charge of providing instruction to the chess club at least once a week throughout the chess season. Upon successful completion of the chess season, the LCA will receive a \$500 stipend. Program participants will also be required to compete in at least one CCF sponsored tournament during their grant period. These tournaments are offered throughout the city of Chicago and are free for all participants. CCF staff will provide constant support and will help ensure every club's participation in tournaments.

CCF will also provide all Rook, Rattle & Roll programs with a chess mentor. Mentors will maintain communication with the chess club throughout the season to provide encouragement, instruction, and assistance to each club. Each program will also work with CCF to allocate the rest of the funds to purchase extra chess equipment, design and buy team t-shirts, and/or pay for transportation to local tournaments.

This program has provided hundreds of Chicago youth the opportunity to learn and play chess over the past two years. We are confident that your school will benefit from being a part of Rook, Rattle & Roll. Through weekly instruction and participation in tournaments your students will have fun developing essential life skills, building friendships, and gain a sense of confidence – all through the great game of chess.

Please contact us at [programs@chicagolandchess.org](mailto:programs@chicagolandchess.org) to get more information and apply for this opportunity.