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## Chess Program

Chess is one of LLI's longest running programs and has one of the most dedicated groups of students. LLI works with students ages 7-12 years old, teaching skills ranging from the absolute basics to more intermediate skills, depending on the group of students. We hope the information below will help you learn more about our chess program and we hope to welcome you as a volunteer!

### FIRST OFF, **Is this placement for you?**

- Are you interested in teaching chess to kids ages 7-12 years old?
- Do you speak strong intermediate Spanish and are comfortable following a curriculum in Spanish?
- Do you feel comfortable leading or commanding a class and learning more about being a better teacher?

If your answer is YES, we look forward to welcoming you to this placement!

### GOALS OF THE CHESS PROGRAM

- Improve math reasoning and introduce new concepts
- Build students' self esteem and enjoyment for math
- Aid in homework on a weekly basis
- Improve student's math grades in school
- Provide safe and productive learning environment for students after school and/or on the weekends and evenings.

### THE DETAILS

Each volunteer with LLI receives a primary placement (20-30 hours/week) and some also receive a secondary placement (5-10 hours/week). Keep in mind, the chess program is relatively small, so you might be assigned chess as a primary placement in addition to another primary placement in a different program.

Depending on commitment, some volunteers participate in at least one or two special projects during their time with LLI, directly impacting program development. It's best to come with the expectation you'll be working on one of these projects!

### Primary Placement : LEAD TEACHER

*As a lead teacher, you'll...*

- Be given program orientation & training within your first two days of volunteer work
- Start teaching your first two days of volunteering.
- Teach generally 3-4 classes per week, each class is one hour.
- Utilize our module system & curriculum guides
- Have prep time in the morning or early afternoons for classes
- Track important data (i.e. attendance, modules, etc)
- Organize a chess tournament if time allows.

### Secondary Placement : CO-TEACHER

*As a co-teacher, you'll...*

- Be given program orientation & training within your first two days of volunteer work
- Help out the lead teacher in classes where/when needed
- Help organize any chess tournaments or special events

Not sure of your placement now that you've read through everything? Please communicate with us ASAP. We want to ensure the volunteering is beneficial to you, to the organization and most of all, to the community we serve!