

## ABOUT

The Chicago Public Schools and Renaissance Knights in partnership with the Chicago Police Department developed the Cops and Kids Chess Initiative as a year-round program that affords additional engagement opportunities to students from diverse communities across the city of Chicago to participate in vibrant chess programs. Students participate in after-school clubs and compete in tournaments throughout the year.

We recognize the many outcomes and skills that chess provides our youth; such as strategy, analytical, critical thinking, team building, math concepts, life skills to name a few. We use chess as a vehicle to promote non-violence, serve as positive engagement and a tool to foster a positive relationship with the police and youth.

We ask you to support our efforts as we seek to bring the benefits of chess to more schools and students. We know that chess programs help our students develop academic and life skills that benefit our children, schools, and the community at large.



## HELP US TEACH TEN THOUSAND KIDS!



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### Cops & Kids Chess Initiative

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## CHICAGO Cops & Kids Chess Initiative



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Providing Chicago students  
with the opportunity to learn,  
play, and compete in chess

## OBJECTIVES

- Promote non-violence
- Promote family and community engagement
- Increase positive relations between youth and police officers
- Provide fun, rewarding, and safe out of school time activities
- Foster ongoing relationships between students and police officers
- Provide a safe and welcoming environment
- Develop academic, social and life skills
- Support Chicago Public Schools' chess programs
- Career awareness in law enforcement



## OUR PROGRAMS

### After-School Clubs

We support after-school chess programs within police districts in communities in need and working with the Chicago Police Department, beat police officers visit these clubs on a weekly basis to interact with the children. These clubs bring the academic benefit of chess to children while providing them with positive social groups, goals and aspirations, and allows all children to expand their thinking and alleviate social pressures in a safe environment.

### Chicago Chess League

In support of the CPS Academic Chess Competition program, we provide opportunities for students in this initiative to participate in chess competition through a formal chess league.

### Cops & Kids Chess Tournament

As the showcase event for the initiative, the tournament is open to children participating in the initiative. The tournament is a team event where cops and kids compete as team members in a fun, rewarding and safe environment.



## SUPPORT US



**King - \$2,500**



**Queen - \$1,000**



**Knight - \$500**



**Rook - \$250**



**Bishop - \$100**



**Pawn - \$50**

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