

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Extra Duty Activity (EDA)

Name of EDA:	Chess Club
School Level:	Elementary, Middle, and High

Description of Activity: Under the direction of the principal, the Chess Club sponsor plans, organizes, and coordinates chess club activities. The Chess Club sponsor teaches students chess strategies, supervises chess competitions, and encourages effective, positive social interactions among participants.

The Chess Club sponsor should have advanced knowledge of and the ability to play and teach chess. Demonstrated oral and written communication skills are required. The sponsor should also have good organizational skills.

Link to the Blueprint for Progress: Chess Club sponsors support the system’s mission to provide a quality education for all students by providing an extracurricular activity in a safe and orderly environment where students can develop analytical and problem-solving skills, logic, a sense of fair play, and improved interpersonal communication skills. Students will develop strategic skills and demonstrate these abilities by engaging other students in chess. The role of the Chess Club sponsor supports the *Blueprint’s* Performance Goal 4.

Examples of Specific Duties of this EDA Sponsor	Estimated Annual Hours
Preparation and Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secures meeting locations and schedules meeting times • Collects materials for use in meetings and competitions (e.g., game board, texts, simulation software) • Recruits students (e.g., creates morning announcements and flyers announcing chess meetings and competitions) 	10 – 15
Chess Club Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervises and directs regular after school meetings of the Chess Club, which may include one-on-one or small group instruction • Instructs students in play and strategy (e.g., chess strategy of the day, modeling different play strategies, peer coaching, videos, computer software demonstrations) • Provides positive role model for playing chess • Conducts mock competitions in preparation for school chess competitions, which may include off-site travel after school or on weekends 	70 – 80

Estimated Annual Hours that a Teacher Might Spend to Sponsor this EDA: 80

Minimum Number of Students Required: This will vary depending upon school enrollment and student interest; however, a club of 6-12 students is optimal.

Annual Compensation
 Chess is a Level I activity.