

Before Enrolling: is CHESS right for you?

Questions for Parents to Consider

CHESS operates on three basic principles:

1. A commitment to the group learning experience
(regular attendance and completion of assignments)
2. Respect for others
3. Communication

Am I committed to homeschooling?

Students will meet with teachers only once or twice a week; therefore, parents must stay involved in their student's education, review their assignments with them, monitor their home study hours, and record their student's grades. Remember CHESS is not a school and does not provide transcripts. Save your grades and course descriptions.

Am I committed to regular class attendance for my students?

Regular class attendance is expected. CHESS provides a valuable group learning experience, in a one or two-hour per week format, and we keep our class sizes small. When a student is absent, the whole class can be affected; and, in many cases, it is impossible to make up what has been missed, e.g., classroom lecture and practice. Absences related to illness, family duress, or annual testing are to be expected; however, if you anticipate absences related to travel, competitions, or other choices, consult with the teacher before you register for a class to see if those absences can be accommodated by the teacher.

Have I read and agreed to the class prospectus before enrolling my student in that class?

A careful reading of the prospectus and meeting the teacher will provide a basis for what to expect from the class. The prospectus is an agreement that explains teacher, student and parent roles. Parents may be required to discuss assignments, proctor tests, review homework, and communicate with the teacher. The prospectus may include how often the teacher plans to give tests and quizzes, and how the student should prepare for class.

Have I read the "Tuition, Fees, Payments and Refunds" document?

This document explains what you need to know before enrolling in classes, such as what to do if you decide to change your enrollment after submission (and the fees for those changes), and important financial deadlines. Before you enroll, you're required to have read and agreed to the "Tuition, Fees, Payments and Refunds" document.

Have I read and agreed to the "Family Participation Agreement"?

Before you enroll, you're required to have read and agreed to the "Family Participation Agreement," our policy manual, which includes our dress code.

Do I check my email regularly?

The CHESS administration and teachers regularly communicate through email. Every family is expected to check their email at least twice weekly and before going to class for updates, such as class cancellations.