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|  | **Liberty Middle School**  ***281 Dock Murphy Drive, Madison, Alabama 35758***  **Chess**  **Mr.** Brewton (Coach D) |

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| **Teacher Contact Information** | **Email:** dlbrewton@madisoncity.k12.al.us  **Classroom Phone:** 256-430-0001 ext. 83222 |
| **Classroom Digital Platforms** | **Webpage Link:** [*https://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/Domain/1877*](https://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/Domain/1877)  **Schoology Link:** Can access through MCS student accounts  **ChessKid:** www.chesskid.com |
| **Textbook Information** | *Parents and guardians can access other supplementary materials through the Schoology platform.* |
| **Course Description** | Chess is for students interested in learning how to play and have fun doing it. We will be covering all of the following and more:  The Chessboard and Pieces  Piece Movement  Basic Rules and Objectives  Strategies  Sportsmanship |
| **Classroom Expectations** | 1. **Cell phones must be powered down and in a backpack from 8:15 am - 3:20 pm.** 2. Be seated and ready for class when the bell rings. Students tardy to class will receive a detention per LMS policy. 3. Come prepared for class. 4. Respect your teacher, your classmates, and yourself. 5. If it’s not yours, don’t touch it. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.   **All students must follow the** [**Madison City Schools Code of Conduct**](https://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=3761&dataid=28027&FileName=Madison%20City%20Schools%20Code%20of%20Student%20Conduct%202024-2025.pdf). |
| **Progressive Discipline *(LMS Policy)*** | Liberty Middle School Classroom Management Plan:  **Step 1:** Verbal warning  **Step 2:** Student/teacher conference with parent notification  **Step 3:** Parent contact/conference  **Step 4:** Detention and a parent contact  **Step 5:** Referral to administration for repeat Class I violations and initial Class II and Class III offenses ([**Madison City Schools Code of Conduct**](https://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=3761&dataid=28027&FileName=Madison%20City%20Schools%20Code%20of%20Student%20Conduct%202024-2025.pdf)) |
| **Grading Policy**  ***(MCS Policy)*** | **60%** = Assessments (Tests, Projects, Mini-Assessments)  **40%** = Daily Grades (Quizzes, Exit Slips, Progress Checks, Classwork, Daily Activities, Participation)  **PowerSchool**  Students are required to keep up with their daily grade averages in this course. From time to time, I will require students to log into PowerSchool to show me their grades. PowerSchool will be the accurate platform for students to review their grades. When students and parents review PowerSchool, the code Missing will indicate “0” . This code states that the student has not turned in their assignment. Incomplete will be for incomplete assignments in which students are still working on. |
| **Late Work Policy** | Students must request an extension before the due date. It will be approved at the teacher’s discretion. |
| **Make-up Work/Test Policy** | Students with excused absences will be allowed to make-up all work within three days of returning to school. It is the student’s responsibility to ask for make-up work. Students can get with a classmate or ask the teacher for help. Work that is not made up will become a zero (including quizzes/tests). Many times, missed quizzes and tests can be made up during school. |
| **Technology** | **Effective July 1, 2025**, the use, operation, or possession of Wireless Communications Devices including but not limited to cellular telephones, tablet computers, laptop computers, pagers, gaming devices, smart watches, earphones or headphones in school buildings or on school grounds during the Instructional Day, is prohibited. Violation of Board policy with respect to such use, operation, or possession of Wireless Communication Devices will constitute a Class II violation. Madison City Schools has outlined an Electronic/Wireless Device Policy (Policy 6.20) on page 137 of the MCS Policy Manual |
| **Accommodations** | Requests for accommodations for this course or any school event are welcomed from students and parents. |
| **Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form** | Thank you for reading over thus syllabus with your child. Remember, Schoology will be utilized for posting student assignments. PowerSchool will be utilized for posting grades. Please sign below to verify that you have received, read, and concur with condition and term of the syllabus.  Student Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Parent Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Parent Email\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |