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|  | **Liberty Middle School**  ***281 Dock Murphy Drive, Madison, Alabama 35758***  **Beginning 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. No cell phones or earbuds/earphones allowed during instructional time. 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** | Students should bring their chromebooks and chargers to class every day. Use of discs, flash drives, jump drives, or other USB devices will not be allowed on Madison City computers. Neither the teacher, nor the school is responsible for broken, stolen, or lost devices.  **Cell Phone Policy:**  Cell phones and earbuds/headphones will not be allowed during classroom instruction time. They will be put away in a location designated by the teacher and placed in silent mode. You will have access to your phones during class change and lunch. Failure to follow these procedures will result in disciplinary referral to the office. |
| **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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |