

APPENDIX A

OVERVIEW OF SCIENTIFIC PAPERS ON CHESS IN SCHOOLS

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Table 1

Some studies that have found that chess influences mathematical achievement at school

| Author(s) | Country | Number of participants | Study objective | Tests | Results |
|---|---------|---|---|--|---|
| Fernandez-Amigo et al. T1 (Year 2008) | Spain | N = 141 experimental group (79 boys, 62 girls) | Analyze, qualitatively and quantitatively, the utility of instructional materials using chess for teaching mathematics during the second grade of primary school. | EFAI (Factorial Evaluation of Intellectual Aptitudes) Numerical score, reasoning score, ethnographic interview, surveys | Satisfaction was achieved in the utility of the chess - based learning materials for teaching mathematics |
| Achig and Francisco T2 (Year 2015) | Ecuador | N = 35 experimental group (20 boys, 15 girls) | Test the impact of chess on logical-mathematical reasoning in sixth-grade primary school students | Theoretical chess test before and after, Mathematics class score | The average math class score increased |
| Guerrero et al. T3 (Year 2015) | Mexico | N = 32 The number of boys versus girls is not given. | Describe the effect of chess on basic mathematical operations in fifth-grade primary school students | Pre-intervention tests, characteristics of the child and the child's mother and father | Better concentration, and memory and higher math class score |
| Gumede and Rosholm T4 (Year 2015) | Danmark | N = 264 The number of boys versus girls is not given | Characterize the impact of chess in the subject of mathematics in first-and third-grade primary school students | Pre-intervention tests, personal characteristics of the child and of the child's mother and father. | Positive effects in both immigrant and non-immigrant Danish children |
| Sala et al T5 (Year 2015) | Italy | N = 309 experimental group (169 boys, 140 girls) N = 251 control group (116 boys, 135 girls) | Investigate the potential of online chess lessons on problem-solving abilities in second, fourth, and fifth-grade primary school students | Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) and chess survey | Highly positive correlation between math score and chess in the experimental group |
| Sala et al T6 (Year 2016) | Italy | N = 309 experimental group (169 boys, 140 girls) N = 251 control group (116 boys, 135 girls) | Experimental study of chess in fourth grade primary school students using a placebo group | Six tests evaluating mathematics abilities, IEA - TIMSS psychometric test | The chess group was more effective in math skills than the GO group, but not in school activities |
| Rosholm et al. T7 (Year 2017) | Danmark | N = 323 Test group. N = 159 Control group | Analyze the effect of replacing one mathematics lesson per week with one based on chess instruction in first and third grade primary school students | Mathematics test (including calculations, geometry, pattern recognition, and basic problem solving) | Improvement in the composition of mathematical sequences in the experimental group |
| Meloni and Fanari T8 | Italy | N = 48 experimental group. N = 37 Control group | Analysis of the effects of replacing one maths lesson per week with a chess lesson for primary | Mathematics test (including calculations, geometry, pattern recognition) | Improving the formation of mathematical sequences in the experimental group |

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| (Year 2019) | | | school pupils in the first and third grades | and basic problem solving) | |
| Tachie and Ramathe T9 (Year 2022) | South Africa | N = 25 experimental group N = 26 Control group The number of boys versus girls is not given. | Analysis of the effects of replacing one mathematics lesson per week with a chess lesson for ninth grade students | Group test | The chess group was more effective in mathematical skills |

Table 2

Some papers investigating the influence of chess on reading comprehension in school

| Author(s) | Country | Number of participants | Study objective | Tests | Results |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--|---|--|---|
| Margulies et al T10 (Year 1991) | USA | N = 1118, groups of participants N = 22 | Escribe the effect on reading before and after chess instruction in primary school | Degree of reading power test (DRP) | The group of chess students improved more than the average student. |
| Liptrap et al T11 (Year 1998) | USA | N = 67 Group that did not play chess N = 504 | Determine the degree of participation by students in a chess club | Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS). Texas Learning Index (TLI) | The chess group improved more in math skills than in reading |
| Duccette T12 (Year 2009) | USA | Experimental group N = 151 | Analyze the effect of a chess program on behavior, math, and reading | Philadelphia's behavior grade and attendance, Pennsylvania System of School Achievement (PSSA) Score in reading and mathematics | After 1 year, the group that played chess improved in math and reading, and these values were correlated, while in the control group none of these patterns were present. |
| Dapica Tejada T13 (Year 2016) | Spain | N = 60 Total Chess group N = 30 (21 boys, 9 girls) Control group N = 30 (20 boys, 10 girls) | Test whether there are significant differences in reading comprehension and saccadic movements (SM*) in boys and girls that play chess. | Chess participation survey, PROLEC-SE battery of tests of reading processes and the King Devick SM test | The chess group improved on the different tests by which they were evaluated, which did not occur in the no-chess group. In addition, there was a correlation between SM and reading comprehension and between chess and SM |
| Celiz T14 (Year 2020) | Peru | N = 56 Total Chess group N = 27 Control group N = 27 | The effect of chess on the reading comprehension of primary school pupils in the third grade | Pre-test and Post-test | Reading comprehension improved |

*SM are produced in the eyes when we read, look, or search for information, refers to movement speeds of 500°/S. During these MS, the eyes can remain still for intervals of around 200-300 ms.

Table3

Some papers investigating the influence of chess on personality traits

| Author(s) | Country | Number of participants | Study objective | Tests | Results |
|--|----------------|---|---|--|---|
| Filipp et al T15 (Year 2007) | Germany | N = 84 Chess group N = 83 Control group | Impact of chess on mental and academic development in first to fourth grade students, over 3 years. | Basic Intelligence Test Scale Differential Performance Test Ability to Concentrate (TPK) Hamburg Writing Test Questionnaire | The chess group performed above average in reading comprehension, arithmetic, Improvements in attitudes and social behaviour |
| Aciego et al. T16 (Year 2012) | Spain | N = 170 Chess group N = 60 Control group | Effects of regular chess lessons on intellectual and socio-affective abilities | Performance test WISC-R Self-assessment TAMAI Pretest and posttest External evaluation | The chess group improved in cognitive and socio-affective skills (self-confidence, motivation to learn, attention, visuo-motor coordination,...). |
| Ramos et al T17 (Year 2017) | Argentina | N = 65 Total (42 boys, 23 girls) Chess group N = 30 (28 boys, 2 girls) Control group N = 35 (14 boys, 21 girls) | Analysis of the differences in cognitive performance between children who practise chess and children who do not practise chess | Ex post facto cross-sectional study Stroop Word Colour Test WISC IV WCST Labyrinth test according to Porteus Multivariate variance analysis | The chess group achieves higher scores in planning, working memory, cognitive flexibility |
| Joseph et al. T18 (Year 2018) | India | Chess group N = 70 (43 boys, 27 girls) Control group N = 81 (52 boys, 29 girls) | Effects of systematic chess training on verbal reasoning | Pretest and posttest ANCOVA Binet-Kamat Intelligence Test | After 2 years, significant increase in linguistic thinking ability in the chess group, no differences between the sexes |
| Atashafrouz T19 (Year 2019) | Iran | N = 40 Total Chess group N = 20 Control group N = 20 | Effects of chess on problem-solving ability, working memory and concentration for tenth-grade students | Pretest and Posttest, Cassidy and Lang's problem-solving style questionnaire (PSSG), Cornoldi's working memory test (CWMT) and Weinstein and Palmer's learning and study strategies inventory (LASSI) | The chess group showed significantly better results for working memory and concentration. |
| Gündüz et al T20 (Year 2019) | Turkey | N = 25 Total Speer Trainees N = 20 Peer Trainers N = 5 | Impact of chess teaching as peer learning in primary school classrooms | Questionnaires Peer Evaluation Forms Surveys | Improvement of cognitive skills, communication and social behaviour |
| Sandoval-Tipán and Ramos-Galarza T21 (Year 2020) | Ecuador | N = 60 Total (41 boys, 19 girls) Chess group N = 30 Control group N = 30 | Effects of chess on working memory and planning ability in primary school pupils | ENFEN test battery, Labyrinth test according to Porteus, observation questionnaire | The chess group showed significantly better results for working memory and planning ability. |
| Tanjayan et al T22 (Year 2021) | Armenia | N = 264 Total Distribution of pupils by class level, school | Attitudes towards chess education and its effects on the social behaviour of children in the second to fourth grade | Standardised Interview with Multiple Choice Tests - Rokeach theory of values | The vast majority enjoy playing chess, Positive effect on cooperation behaviour, motivation, honesty, planning, discipline. |

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| | | type and gender | | | |
| Gao et al. T23 (Year 2021) | China | N = 255 Total Distribution of pupils by class level, school type and gender | Relationships between fluid intelligence, skills in chess and school performance | Raven's Standard Progressive Matrices Survey School exams Multivariate variance analysis | positive correlation between fluid intelligence and school performance, Chess skills correlate with academic performance. |
| Glukhova T24 (Year 2022) | Russia | 1st phase N = 637 Total Chess group 1 N=331 with chess project" teaching programme Chess group 2 N = 160 with "Chess universal" teaching programme Control group N = 146 without chess programme across all phases N = 1571 there-of N = 723 with teaching programme "chess project | Increasing the developmental level of intellectual processes in children by means of chess based on the approach of reflection activity with pupils of the first to ninth grade over 4 years and long-term effect, 18 years in total | Memory test, Visual memory test Analogy tests Raven's Standard Progressive Matrices Correction test Bourdon | Stable improvement of intellectual performance, of the chess groups Developmental advantage is maintained into high school grades |
| Chitiyo et al. T25 (Jahr 2023) | USA | N = 1286 Total Distribution of pupils by class level, school type and gender | To identify differences in students' perceived benefits of chess by gender and age, as well as by different schools and year groups. To determine Benefits: Enjoyment, self-confidence, organisational skills, motivation to learn, self-efficacy, ability to cooperate, organisational skills. | Retrospective pretest and posttest Multivariate analysis of variance | Motivation to learn highest among primary school pupils and more among girls than boys in all grades, Enjoyment was higher among boys than girls, with primary school pupils having the most enjoyment, Cooperativeness improved most among primary school pupils, Perception of benefits depends on gender and grade level. |

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