

FRANKLIN CHESS TEAM



The Franklin Chess Team is for Franklin students who already play chess and want to take their game to a competitive level. They represent our school and local community in the Sacramento Valley Scholastic Chess League (SVSCL).

The Sacramento Valley Scholastic Chess League (SVSCL) is currently comprised of students (K-12) from area schools including Biggs, Chico, Corning, and Yuba City. It provides the opportunity for students to play chess competitively as individuals and/or part of a school team.

In order to play in SVSCL tournaments, a student must be a member of the United States Chess Federation (USCF). Annual memberships are valid for one year and allow students to participate in open/invitational/regional tournaments as well as tournaments in the SVSCL.

The Franklin Chess program would not exist without the consistent and generous support of the entire "Franklin Family." In 2000, the Franklin Parents Club invested in twenty tournament-style chess sets to get us going. Since then, a large portion of the USCF and SVSCL participation fees (currently \$35.00 per player) are annually paid by the Franklin Elementary School District Education Foundation. In addition, dedicated parents drive the team to *all five* out of town tournaments— quite a commitment!

The SVSCL season is comprised of five league tournaments, one championship tournament, and an optional "Bug House" (team chess) tournament. These events run monthly, September-November in the fall and January-April in the spring. The Franklin Chess Team usually meets on **Wednesday** afternoons (2:45-3:45 pm) in Mr. Trefzger's classroom (22).