

**H. D. MC MILLAN MIDDLE SCHOOL 2009-2010**

**Course: Critical Thinking Problem (Chess)**

**Teacher: Mr. Diez**

**Course Information**

This course is designed for all students who are interested in learning how to play chess or improving what they know about playing chess. They will be learning and/or reviewing how to Set up the Chess Board, The Notation, Simple Checkmating Patterns, Different Openings, Different Tactics, How to use the Chess Clock, Improving and Wining Tips, Solving Chess Puzzles, Developing Chess Tactics, etc

The successful completion of this course is accomplished by doing the following in an acceptable manner:

- ❖ Bring required materials daily
- ❖ Satisfactory grade on quizzes and projects.
- ❖ Complete all homework , class work and activities
- ❖ Participation at all times

**Teaching Methods:**

The course is a combination of class work, group activities, homework assignments and quizzes and/or tests. Students will be exposed to a variety of teaching methods in class including, lecture, pairing and the use of computers.

**Attendance Policy:**

Students are required to attend all classes on a timely basis. The school rules and procedures for absences and tardiness will be used as guidelines

**Homework:**

Homework completion is mandatory every week. Homework is given once a week.

**Grading Scale:** A = 3.5-4.0, B = 2.5-3.49, C = 1.5-2.49, D = 1.0-1.49, F = 0.

**Class Rules:**

**Be prompt**

Before the tardy bell enter the room and take your seat.

**Be Prepared**

Have your materials ready to begin class.

**Be Productive**

Do the best that you can to complete all required assignments. Some class assignments may be individual, paired or in group. You are expected to do your best at all times.

**Behavior guidelines:**

- Respect yourself, others and the school property at all times
- Raise your hand and wait to be recognized
- Stay seated at all times
- No gum chewing, eating or drinking
- No Hair combing and make up repairing
- No talking without permission
- No cheating or plagiarism

**Consequences:**

Failure to comply with the above rules will result in the following consequences:

- Warning up to 3
- Detention and parent contact
- Parent contact
- Referral

Note: Students who fail to serve a detention by the time progress report are written or the end of the grading quarter will automatically earn an F for conduct.

**Materials Needed**

- ✓ Pencils
- ✓ Red pen
- ✓ Composition notebook

Parents are encouraged to check the progress of their child’s progress online by using the school website: <http://hdmcmillan.dadeschools.net> . Parents may contact me at anytime concerning your child’s grade or behavior. I can be reached at (305)-385-6877 or [marcodiez@dadeschools.net](mailto:marcodiez@dadeschools.net)

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*Thank you for your cooperation and looking forward for a great and successful year.*

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<b>Student’s Name</b>	<b>Parent’s signature</b>	<b>Parent’s Phone Number and/or email</b>