IESA CHESS

BY THE NUMBERS

- 15th year of the 7th & 8th Grade State Chess Tournament
- 11th year of the 6th Grade State Chess Tournament
- Tournament is a Medley Team Swiss System format
- Participants compete in all 8 rounds of play
- There is no qualification tournament to participate.

- 72 schools participated in the 2026 state tournament
- Over 860 students participated in state tournament competition
- 259 6th grade competitors; 289 7th grade competitors; 318 8th grade competitors

RECORD HOLDERS

THREE-TIME CHESS INDIDIVUAL CHAMPIONS 2014-PRESENT

Vincent Do, Rockford Marshall:
2014 (6), 2015 (7), 2016 (8)

Fred Yuan, Lincolnshire Daniel Wright:
2016 (6), 2017 (7), 2018 (8)

Vamsi Munaganuri, Bloomington Evans:
2022 (6), 2023 (7), 2024 (8)

MOST TEAM WINS

6th Grade Division - Bloomington Evans (5) - 2018, 2020, 2023, 2024, 2026

7th Grade Division - Bloomington Evans (7) - 2014, 2015, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024, 2026

8th Grade Division - Lincolnshire Daniel Wright (4) - 2011, 2012, 2013, 2018

2026 6TH GRADE CHAMPIONS

6th Grade Individual Champion: Shivansh Midha, Normal Metcalf

6th Grade Team Champion: Bloomington Evans

2026
7TH GRADE CHAMPIONS

7th Grade Individual Champion: Shrinidhin Senthilkumar, Bloomington Evans

7th Grade Team Champion: Bloomington Evans

2026
8TH GRADE CHAMPIONS

8th Grade Individual Champion: Sandeep Chandru, Bloomington Evans

8th Grade Team Champion: Willowbrook Westview Hills