

# CHESS IN CONDUCT REGULATION AMONG CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS



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# THE AIM OF OUR RESEARCH



To investigate the possibilities of chess influence on Child's behavior regulating mechanisms

The research was conducted among 15 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade children with special educational needs in schools 122,153,197 in Yerevan. The Schoolchildren involved in the research had mainly speech, mental, locomotor system, behavior and other types of disturbances.



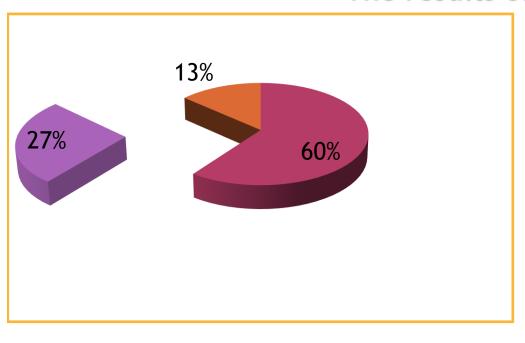
# THE FIRST STAGE OF THE RESEARCH



The aim of this stage was to study the behavior of children with special educational needs both at chess and other school subject lessons.

The study consisted in psychological observation and analysis of video materials.

### The results of the research



Attention distraction

Isolation because of communication difficulties

Absence of aspiration, motivation



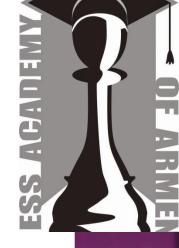
THE RESULTS OF THE FIRST STAGE INSPIRED THE LOGIC OF THE SECOND ONE: THE GROUP OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND THE REST OF SCHOOLCHILDREN WERE ASKED TO WRITE AN ESSAY UPON THE TOPIC "WHAT HAS CHESS GIVEN TO ME?" 1.



- Patience when someone is waiting with patience for the opponent's next move;
- Aspiration, motivation to reach the target defined, skills to act upon the ideas and to find solutions - when someone is looking for ways for gaining victory over the opponent;
- Ability to follow the rules of game honestly.
- Trust upon one's own power because each victory is achieved thanks to intellectual capacity.
- Ability to assume responsibilities, to learn from one's own mistakes - when someone teaches how to set control over one's own feelings even if they have failures or losses.



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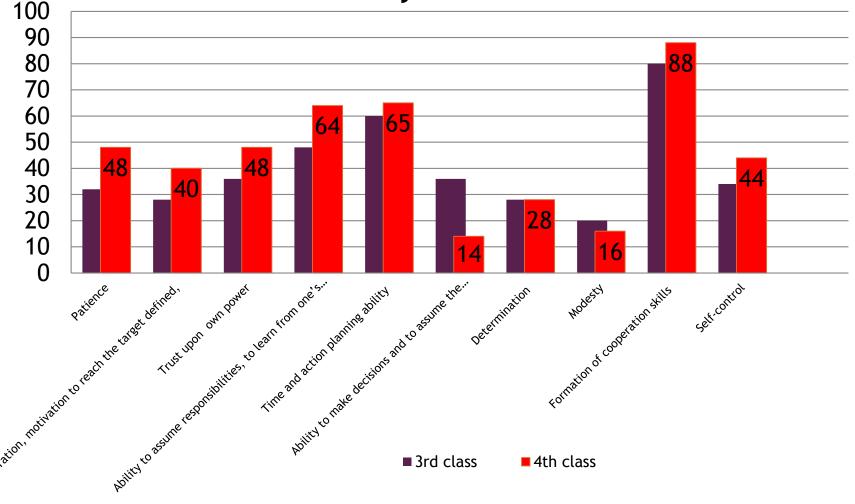
- Time and action planning ability it is important as, while playing chess, one needs proper time management in order to finish the game duly.
- Ability to make decisions and to assume the responsibility for one's own deeds - it is important as every single step in chess entails consequences, subsequently, one makes decisions and takes on the responsibility for consequences.
- Determination this occurs when even in case of loss, the player keeps trying to play till s(h)e reaches the aim.
- Modesty is formed when one realizes that the decisions that one makes are not necessarily always right so you must be aware of the fact that there is no chess player who could have had victories only.
- Formation of cooperation skills while playing chess, even if the player is not sociable, s(h)e begins cooperating with the opponent as they are aware of the fact that they are playing together.



# CONTENT ANALYSES OF THE ESSAY "WHAT HAS CHESS GIVEN TO ME?".









THE THIRD STAGE OF THE RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY US WAS AN ATTEMPT TO STIMULATE THE SELF-CONTROL, PATIENCE (THE ABILITY TO WAIT PATIENTLY), INCREASE OF SELF-ESTEEM AND COOPERATION SKILLS AND CAPACITIES AMONG THE CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS VIA SPECIAL METHODS OF TEACHING CHESS.









- Collaborative study
- Scenario-based games
  - Therapeutic games
- Oral and written appraisals



## METHOD OF APPRAISALS COLLABORATIVE STUDY







Absence of the ability to focus attention

Alienation: self-segregation, isolation, absence of cooperation

Indifference, lack of interest

Insecurity for their own power and capacity

Problems of self-control

Absence of patience

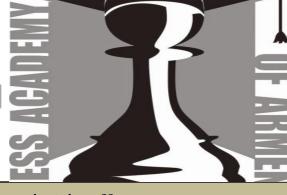
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		Number of children under study n = 28					
		1	Before the research	After	the research		

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71,2

42,4

53,2

25

64,5

85

Number

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12

15

7

18

24



# CONCLUSION



The results of this research allow claiming that using chess and special methods of teaching chess facilitate the development of conduct-regulation among children with special educational needs and foment the formation of cooperation abilities among them, stimulating such personal qualities as self-control, patience, self-confidence, etc.

