

THE MUSIC ADVANTAGE

OVERALL ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The combined results of 30 studies indicate that music instruction is linked to significantly improved reading skills. *Standley, J. M. (2008)*

The cognitive structures developed through music instruction “exposed and illuminated more general organizing structures relevant for multiple disciplines.” *Portowitz, P., Lichtenstein, O., Egorova, L., & Brand, E. (2009).*

HIGHER TEST SCORES

Students in high-quality school music programs score higher on standardized tests compared to students in schools with deficient music education programs, regardless of the socioeconomic level of the school or school district.

Johnson, C. M. & Memmott, J. E. (2007)

On the 2012 SAT, students who participated in music scored an average of 31 points above average in reading, 23 points above average in math, and 31 points above average in writing.

(College Board SAT, 2012 College-Bound Seniors: Total Group Profile Report.)

HIGHER GPA'S

Research reveals strong correlations between quality music education in school and academic achievement. *Caterall, James, (2009)*

The college Entrance Examination Board found that students in music scored 63 points higher on verbal and 44 points higher on math than students with no arts participation. *(College Bound Seniors National Report)*

There is a high relationship between interest in school music and high self-perception, high cognitive competence scores and general self-esteem. *Costa-Giomi, E.*

REDUCED DROP OUT RATES

The longer students participate in music and fine arts classes the less likely they are to drop out of school. Students indicate that arts participation motivates them to stay in school, and music and the arts create a supportive environment that promotes constructive acceptance of criticism and one in which it is safe to take risks. *Barry, N., Talyor, K, Wales, R.*

HIGHER GRADUATION RATES

Schools that have music programs have significantly higher graduation rates than do those without music programs (90.2 percent as compared to 72.9 percent). In addition, those that rate their programs as “excellent or very good” have an even higher graduation rate (90.9 percent). *Harris Interactive Inc. (2006).*

THROUGH MUSIC STUDY STUDENTS LEARN THE VALUE OF SUSTAINED EFFORT TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE AND THE CONCRETE REWARDS OF HARD WORK



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