

Music Advocacy's Top Ten for Students

1. A 2000 Georgia Tech study indicates that a student who participates in at least one elective music course is 4.5 times more likely to stay in college than the general student population.
2. On the 1999 SAT, music students continued to outperform their non-arts peers, scoring 61 points higher on the verbal portion and 42 points higher on the math portion of the exam.
3. Students who participate in All-State ensembles consistently score over 200 points higher on the SAT than non-music students. This figure indicates that students can pursue excellence in music while also excelling academically.
4. Students with good rhythmic performance ability can more easily detect and differentiate between patterns in math, music, science, and the visual arts.
5. Students in arts programs are more likely to try new things, and they can better express their own ideas to friends, teachers, and parents.
6. College students majoring in music achieve scores higher than students of all other majors on college reading exams.
7. Music students demonstrate less test anxiety and performance anxiety than students who do not study music.
8. The average scores achieved by music students on the 1999 SAT increased for every year of musical study. This same trend was found in SAT scores of previous years.
9. A majority of the engineers and technical designers in Silicon Valley are also practicing musicians.
10. Nine out of ten people with instrumental music experience are glad that they have learned to play an instrument.