

Because a good parent wants...

Because a good parent wants to Improve your chances of Graduation

- N A 2006 Harris Interactive poll of high school principals showed that “schools that have strong music programs have significantly higher graduation rates than do those without programs (90.2% as compared to 72.9%).”
- N The students in the band program at Madison have a much higher than a 90% graduation rate.

Because a good parent wants to Increase your test scores

According to the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement, the schools that produced the highest academic achievement in the United States today are spending 20% to 30% of the day on the arts, with special emphasis on music

Because a good parent wants to Increase your SAT Scores

- N The National Report: Profile of SAT Program Test Takers stated Students in music performance scored 57 points higher on the verbal and 41 points higher on the math than did students with no arts participation. That is a 98 point improvement.
- N In addition, The College Board paper "Profiles of SAT and Achievement Test Takers" reported that Students with coursework/experience in music performance scored 61 points higher on the verbal portion of the SAT and 45 points higher on the math portion of the SAT than students with no coursework or experience in the arts. That is a higher combined total of 106 points higher

Because a good parent wants to Reduce your tendency for alcohol, tobacco and drug use

- N The 1998 Texas Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse Report, as reported in the Houston Chronicle, proclaimed that “secondary students who participated in band or orchestra reported the lowest lifetime and current use of all substances (alcohol, tobacco, illicit drugs).”
- N According to a report “Adolescent Time Use, Risky Behavior and Outcomes: An Analysis of National Data”, published in September 11, 1995 by the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation
- N U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, students who participated in band, orchestra, chorus, or in a school play or musical were significantly less likely than non-participants to engage in nearly all the problem behaviors: dropping out of school, being arrested, becoming smokers, using drugs, or engaging in binge drinking.

Because a good parent wants to Reduce your disruptive behavior in school

- N According to statistics compiled by the National Data Resource Center, students in band were 30% less likely to be classified as “disruptive” (frequent skipping of classes, times in trouble, in-school suspensions, disciplinary reasons given, arrests, and drop-outs) than students not involved in music classes
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Because a good parent wants to **improve your language skills, reading comprehension and self esteem**

A two-year Swiss study involving 1,200 children in 50 schools showed that students involved in the music program were better at languages, learned to read more easily, showed an improved social climate, demonstrated more enjoyment in school, and had a lower stress level than non-music students.

Because a good parent wants to **greatly increase your chances of the acceptance and success in College**

- N The College Board identifies the arts as one of the six basic academic subjects students need in order to succeed in college, as reported in the publication "Academic Preparation for College: What Students Need to Know and Be Able to Do", 1983, The College Board, New York
- N In 1999, an AP publication titled "Arts May Improve Students' Grades,"; College admissions officers continue to cite participation in music as an important factor in making admissions decisions. They claim that music participation demonstrates time management, creativity, expression, and open-mindedness.

Because a good parent wants to **greatly increase your chance of acceptance into medical school**

66% of the music majors who applied to medical school were admitted, the highest percentage of any group (as compared to 44% of biochemistry majors), as researched by Lewis Thomas, Physician and Biologist.

Because a good parent wants to **Improve your chances of success as an engineer or designer**

A book about Silicon Valley, The Paradox of the Silicon Savior noted "The very best engineers and technical designers in the Silicon Valley industry are, nearly without exception, practicing musicians."

Because a good parent wants to **Raise your IQ Scores**

From Nature Copyright 1993, Drs. Reuscher and Shaw, University of California, a Mozart Piano Sonata was found to significantly increase spatial scores of college students on IQ tests when the Sonata was listened to for 10 minutes, dubbed the "Mozart Effect."

Because a good parent wants to **improved your brain function**

As reported on a recent KET/PBS program the week before the 4th. It discussed improvements in older adults and Alzheimer patient through music. A June 2, 2009 article on cnn.com reports "there is a growing body of clinical evidence suggesting that music can play a key role in aiding recovery or helping sufferers cope with a broad range of brain-based conditions." In the article, music was described as a "mega-vitamin for the brain."