

# ARTS EDUCATION HELPS STUDENTS OF ALL AGES, FROM ATTENDANCE TO ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Through decades of research, students engaging in arts education have a strong correlation with academic success and success later in life. Here are a few examples of positive outcomes with arts education:

## ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

### Higher Test Scores<sup>1</sup>

The more years of art students take, the higher their SAT scores are on average, regardless of socioeconomic status.



### Higher GPAs<sup>2</sup>

Both high and low socioeconomic status students who had earned arts credit in high school see higher GPAs.



### Increased Chance of Future Success<sup>3</sup>

Students who have intensive arts experiences in high school are three times more likely to earn a bachelor's degree. Low-income students that are highly engaged in the arts are **twice as likely to graduate college as their peers with no arts education.**

## POSITIVE SOCIAL OUTCOMES



### Civic Contributions<sup>4</sup>

Students who are engaged in arts education have a higher rate of volunteerism and voter participation as adults.



### Better Behavior<sup>5</sup>

Arts participation in high school was found to have decreased the likelihood of suspensions, increased optimism about college attendance, and increased school attachment and engagement



### Staying Out of Trouble<sup>6</sup>

Arts participation in high school was found to have a positive effect on avoidance of alcohol consumption, illicit substance abuse, and delinquent behaviors

## INCREASED SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

### Art Classes Lower Drop Out Rates<sup>7</sup>

Students with high arts participation and low socioeconomic status have a **4% dropout rate** — **5x lower than their low socioeconomic status peers.**

### Art Classes Increase Attendance<sup>8</sup>

In a study conducted in Boston schools, students taking art classes **increased attendance by about a third of a day per student**, which results in nine more days of instruction, per teacher, for a classroom of 25 students.

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