

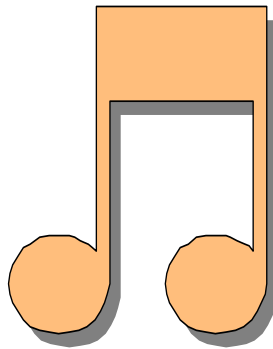
Benefits of Music Education

SUCCESS IN SOCIETY

The U.S. Department of Education lists the arts as subjects that college bound middle and junior high school students should take, stating, “Many colleges view participation in the arts and music as a valuable experience that broadens students’ understanding and appreciation of the world around them. It is also well known and widely recognized that the arts contribute significantly to children’s intellectual development.” *Getting Ready for College Early: A Handbook for Parents of Students in the Middle and Junior High School Years, U.S. Department of Education, 1997*

MORE SUCCESS IN SCHOOL

Students with coursework/experience in music performance and music appreciation scored higher on the SAT: 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. *College-Bound seniors National Report: Profile of SAT Program Test Takers. Princeton, NJ: The College Entrance Examination Board, 2001*



SUCCESS IN SCHOOL

In an analysis of U.S. Department of Education data on more than 25,000 secondary school students, researchers found that students who report consistent high levels of involvement in instrumental music over the middle and high schools years show “significantly higher levels of mathematics proficiency by grade 12.” This observation holds regardless of students’ socio-economic status, and differences in those who are involved with instrumental music vs. those who are not is more significant over time. *J. Catterall, R. Chapleau, and J. Iwanaga. “Involvement in the arts and Human Development: General Involvement and Intensive Involvement in Music and Theater Arts.” Los Angeles, CA: The Imagination Project at UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, 1999*

SUCCESS IN DEVELOPING INTELLIGENCE

“The musician is constantly adjusting decisions on tempo, tone, style, rhythm, phrasing, and feeling—training the brain to become incredibly good at organizing and conducting numerous activities at once. Dedicated practice of this orchestration can have a great payoff for lifelong attentional skills, intelligence, and an ability for self-knowledge and expression.” *John Ratey, MD A User’s Guide to the Brain. New York: Pantheon Books, 2001*

Give your child a chance to discover the joys of music making. Join the Hill-Murray Parish Schools Band Program!

SUCCESS IN LIFE

“Music is about communication, creativity, and cooperation, and, by studying music in school, students have the opportunity to build on these skills, enrich their lives, and experience the world from a new perspective.” *Bill Clinton*