

Does Music Make Students Smarter?

Many scholarly studies have been done on music and its effect on the developing mind. Music's role in increased confidence, positive attitude, belonging, inclusion, pride, and comraderie are obvious, but what about facts on test scores and behavior?

- ♪ In a 2000 survey, 73% of respondents agree that teens who play an instrument are less likely to have discipline problems.
- ♪ Students who can perform complex rhythms can also make faster and more precise corrections in many academic and physical situations, according to the Center for Timing, Coordination, and Motor Skills.
- ♪ A ten-year study indicates that students who study music achieve higher test scores, regardless of socioeconomic background.

statistics from <http://www.childrensmusicworkshop.com/advocacy/toptenparents.html>

Music strengthens math, reading, and science aptitude. Music and music-making positively impact physical, mental, and emotional health. Learning disorders decrease and overall well-being is facilitated with music education.

Music education in schools is being slashed from budgets and is minimal at best. Therefore individualized, private instruction is demanded. Complex knowledge, thinking, and skills are achieved under the guidance of a certified, professional, respectful, music educator.

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