



South High Fine Arts

“Igniting a passion for the arts in every learner.”

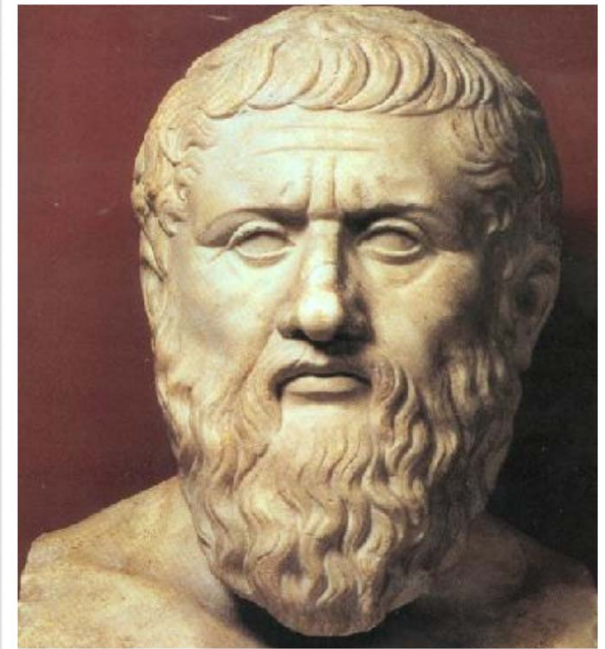
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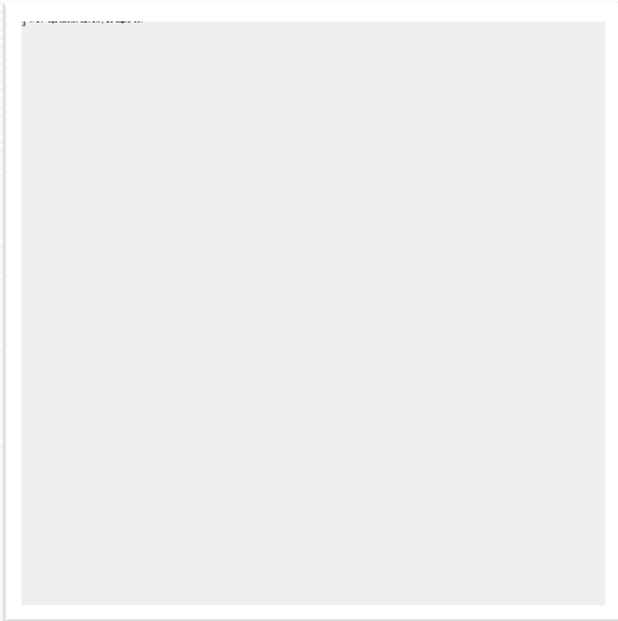
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- “Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education, because rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul.” – *Plato* (424-328 BC)
- “Whoever has skill in music is of good temperament and fitted for all things. We must teach music in schools.”
– *Martin Luther* (1483-1586)



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In both verbal and math scores, high school student-musicians outpace peers.



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- According to the National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988, music students received more academic honors and awards than non-music students. A higher percentage of music participants received As, As/Bs, and Bs than non-music participants. (Source: *NELS:88 First Statistics*, Washington D.C.)
- Lewis Thomas, physician and biologist, found that music majors comprise the highest percentage of accepted medical students at 66%. (Source: As reported in “*The Case for Music in the Schools*,” *Phi Delta Kappan*, February 1994.)



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Music majors are better readers, more successful med school applicants.



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The US Department of Education recommends the arts to college-bound middle and junior high school students asserting, “Many colleges view participation in the arts and music as valuable experience that broadens students’ understanding and appreciation of the world around them.” In addition, it plays a part in developing “children’s intellectual development.” The U.S. DOE also suggests one year of Visual and Performing Arts for college-bound high school students.

(Source: 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)



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The arts are one of the six subject areas in which the College Board recognizes as essential in order to thrive in college.

(Source: Academic Preparation for College: What Students Need to Know and Be Able to Do, 1983 [still in use], The College Board, New York)



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“The arts enrich communities and employees and also stimulate the kind of intellectual curiosity our company needs to stay competitive.”

(Source: Norma R. Augustine, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Martin Marietta Corporation.)

“A grounding in the arts will help our children to see; to bring a uniquely human perspective to science and technology. In short, it will help them as they grow smarter to also grow wiser. *(Source: Robert E. Allen,*

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, AT&T Corporation, in “America’s Culture Begins with Education”)



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“Music education opens doors that help children pass from school into the world around them – a world of work, culture, intellectual activity, and human involvement. The future of our nation depends on providing our children with a complete education that includes music.”

– *Gerald Ford, Former President of the US*

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

– *Bill Clinton, Former President of the US*



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A study of 7,500 university students revealed that music majors scored the highest reading scores among all majors including English, biology, chemistry and math. Physician and biologist Lewis Thomas studied the undergraduate majors of medical school applicants. He found that 66% of music majors who applied to med school were admitted, the highest percentage of any group. Forty four percent (44%) of biochemistry majors were admitted.

*References: "The Comparative Academic Abilities of Students in Education and in Other Areas of a Multi-focus University," Peter H. Wood, ERIC Document No. ED327480
"The Case for Music in the Schools," Phi Delta Kappan, February, 1994.*



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The arts should be viewed as an integral part of the curriculum and every school system should assure that all students have access to exploration and study of the arts throughout their formal education

Illinois State Board of Education (2001)



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According to a Gallup Survey,
Americans hold music and music-
making in high regard.





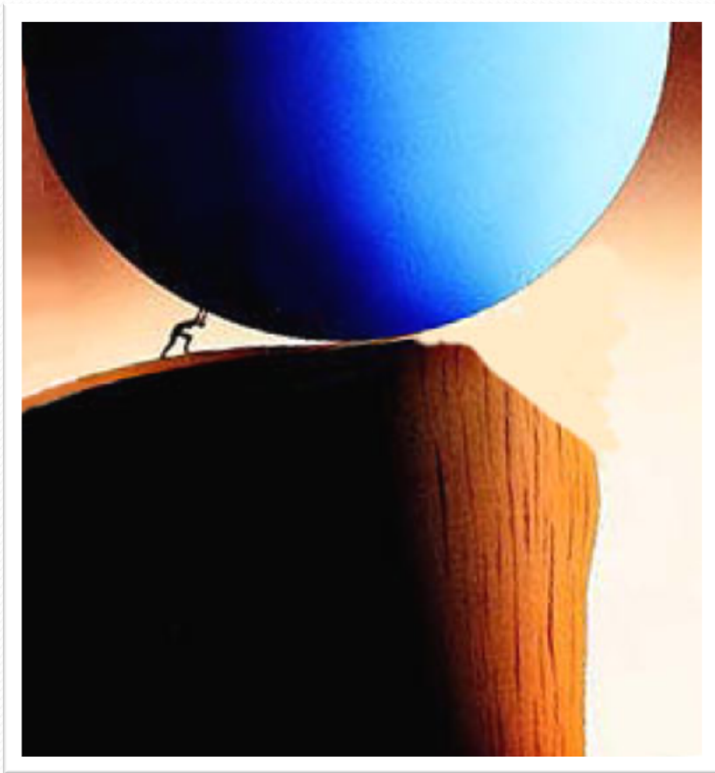
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Percentage of Americans who believe:

- Music is part of a well-rounded education - **95%**
- Music is an activity that a child can enjoy all his/her life - **98%**
- Music brings the family together - **90%**
- School band is a good way for young people to develop teamwork skills - **97%**
- Schools should offer instrumental music as part of the regular curriculum - **93%**
- Music gives children a sense of accomplishment - **95%**
- Music helps instill an appreciation of arts and culture - **96%**

Source: American Attitudes Toward Music, The Gallup Organization, March 2000

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Can schools get to a “tipping point” in terms of participating students?

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Of the more than 3,100 students enrolled at DGS, nearly 1,900 of these students will have an experience in art or music during the 2011-2012 school year.



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This means just over **60%** of our total student body is enrolled in a music or an art class during a normal school year!!!

