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# Parents for Arts Education

## Did you know?...

72%

72% of employers say **CREATIVITY** is of primary concern when hiring

Yet 85% of these employers can't find the creative applicants they seek\*

85%

*"Dance taught me so much about time management and confidence. Music helped me learn that communicating doesn't have to be verbal. Overall, it has been such a positive outlet for learning, curiosity, exploration, and group teamwork."*

student at the University of Texas at Austin working toward Masters of Science in Marketing

*As a clinical scientist I have to see the big picture but also pay attention to fine details. Band teaches this—each note, each step I made created the show. Details make up the big picture*



PAE Parents for Arts Education

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\*From the Texas Cultural Trust's "State of the Arts Report"  
\*\*Research from Adobe Systems, Inc and "Ready to Innovate"- a collaboration between The Conference Board, Americans for the Arts, and the American Association of School Administrators

## Why Fine Arts courses are vital to a well rounded education...

### ACADEMICS\*



Students who complete more arts classes are:

- Up to 112% more likely to score **EXCEPTIONAL** on standardized tests
- **TWICE** as likely to graduate
- 20% more likely to attend college

### IMPROVED BRAIN DEVELOPMENT



Peer reviewed research over decades has shown how participation in fine arts improves brain function- including how practicing music increases synapses and gray matter and participating in dance increases mood boosting neurochemicals\*\*

### WORKFORCE SKILLS



Fine arts classes develop 21st century skills such as: creativity, collaboration, critical thinking, communication, perseverance and problem solving

### SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Arts can reduce the risk of depression by 48%\*  
Arts education naturally develops necessary Social and Emotional Learning skills

### COLLEGE READINESS\*



Students who complete more arts classes are:

- Up to 46% more likely to pass Texas Success Initiative (TSI) criteria
- Twice as likely to meet AP/IB exam criteria
- 20% more likely to earn college dual credit