

**Do you want your child to get the most
out of his or her education?**

Of course you do!

Did you know that when children study music in school,
they also improve their reading, spelling, and math skills?
Music increases a student's learning capabilities in many other areas.

- In recent reports, students taking music courses scored an average of 20 to 40 points higher on both verbal and math portions of the SAT than students who took no arts courses.
- Moreover, students who took more than four years of music and the other arts scored 34 points better on the verbal section of the SAT than those who took less than a year.
- Students who participate in their school band or orchestra are 52% more likely to go on to college and graduate – *many on scholarship*.
- A recent Rockefeller Foundation study discovered that music students have the highest rate of admittance to medical schools.

**The facts are clear:
Children who study music are more
successful students.**

ENROLL IN BAND!!!

Seven important skills your child learns by studying music.

1. **Comprehending.** Learning to perceive and derive meaning from musical sounds – for example, to identify a musical theme – sharpens your child’s ability to comprehend abstractions.
2. **Solving Problems.** The ability to understand a problem and reach an appropriate solution is one of the most important skills your child can learn. Learning the basics of musical language, such as harmony, or interpreting a work through performance teaches this skill.
3. **Reasoning Logically.** Applying particular lessons to other problems and situations requires sound reasoning. When your child learns to analyze a musical work from a cultural, structural, or historical perspective, or to improvise within a certain musical style, both inductive and deductive reasoning grow stronger.
4. **Making Value Judgments.** Learning to comprehend, consider, and evaluate in music can help your child make informed decisions in other aspects of life. Discriminating between greater and lesser works or justifying musical choices in compositions can teach your child how to make and uphold value judgments.
5. **Using Symbols.** The ability to use symbols distinguishes the human race among all forms of life. Learning to read, write, and interpret musical notation provides access to a nonverbal world of thought and strengthens the use of other symbol systems as well, such as mathematics or language.
6. **Conceptualizing.** Your child learns to classify and generalize by learning to identify different types and styles of music, to recognize how different cultures use music for personal expression, and to recognize common elements in different works.
7. **Communicating.** Perhaps the greatest gift of music is its ability to cultivate our feelings and thoughts through nonverbal means. Being able to express these feelings and thoughts – and to respond to them in others – is part of every successful program of music study and indispensable in your child’s total development.

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