# JCPENNEY CARES

The arts in education issue today:



of Americans believe that the arts are vital to providing a well-rounded education, however;

1.3 million
elementary
students have no
access to music
classes and 3.9
million have no
access to arts
classes.

97% of elementary schools nationwide don't offer dance and 96% don't offer theater.

On nearly every measure of access to arts education between low-poverty schools and high-poverty schools, the high-poverty schools come up short.

# DID YOU KNOW ARTS IN EDUCATION BOOSTS:



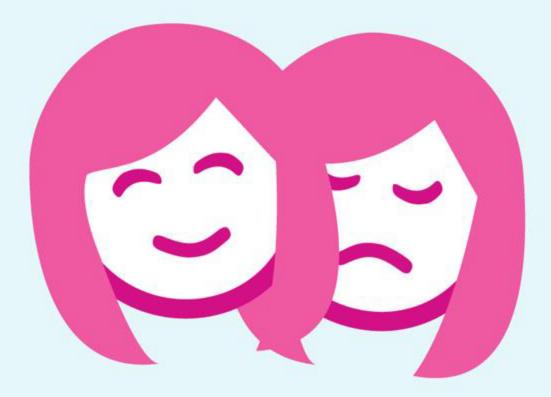
#### **GPA**

Music students have been shown to hold higher GPAs than students who do not participate in music in the same school. Kids who play a musical instrument are 52% more likely to go to college.



## TEST SCORES

High-poverty students engaged in the arts achieve higher test scores in science and writing than their peers.



#### ATTENDANCE

Arts-engaged children are **3X** more likely to have excellent attendance records. In fact, at-risk students cite their participation in the arts as a reason for staying in school.



### COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

A student involved in the arts is 4X more likely to be recognized for academic achievement and 3X more likely to earn a bachelor's degree.