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The arts in education issue today:



93%

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**.