

Why Learn to Play Music?

Musicians Do Better in School



Students in music programs scored 22% better in English and 20% better in mathematics than students in deficient music programs.

Students at risk of not successfully completing their high school educations cite their participation in the arts as reasons for staying in school.

Students in music performance scored 57 points higher on the verbal and 41 points higher on the math than did students with no arts participation.

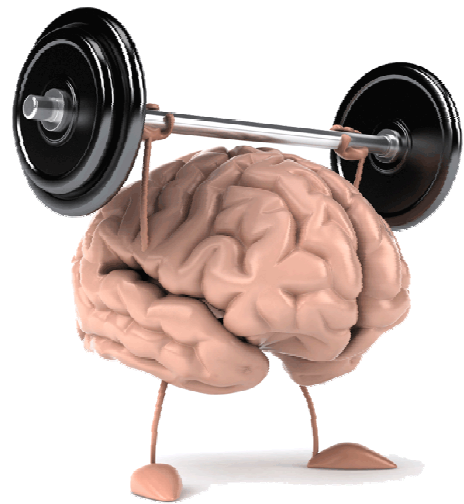
Musicians Have Healthier Brains

Music enlarges the brain. The area used to analyze the pitch of a musical note enlarges 25% in musicians, compared to people who have never played an instrument.

Musically trained children perform better in a memory tests involving literacy, mathematics and IQ.

The musician is constantly adjusting decisions on tempo, tone, style, rhythm, phrasing, and feeling – training the brain to become incredibly good at organizing and conducting numerous activities at once.

Dedicated practice has a great payoff for lifelong attention skills, intelligence, and an ability for self-knowledge and expression.



Musicians Are the Least Likely To Abuse Drugs

Secondary students who participate in Band or Orchestra report the lowest lifetime and current use of *all substances*.

Success in College and Beyond

Students of music learn craftsmanship as they study how details are put together painstakingly and what constitutes good, as opposed to mediocre, work.

The College Board identifies the arts as one of the six basic academic subject areas students should study in order to succeed in college.

The very best engineers and technical designers in the Silicon Valley industry are, nearly without exception, practicing musicians.