

WHY MUSIC?

- 66% of music majors who apply to medical school are admitted, the highest percentage of any group including pre-med and microbiology.
- A majority of the engineers and technical designers in Silicon Valley are also practicing musicians.
- Among college students, music and music education majors have the highest reading scores of any students on campus, including those majoring in English, biology, chemistry, and mathematics.
- Students with band and orchestra experience attend college at a rate twice the national average.
- Students who participate in at least one college elective music course are 4.5 times more likely to stay in college than the general student population.
- College admissions officers cite participation in music as an important factor in making admissions decisions. They claim that music participation demonstrates time management, creativity, expression, and open-mindedness.
- The part of the brain responsible for planning, foresight, and coordination is substantially larger for instrumental musicians than for the general public.
- Music students out-perform non-music students on achievement tests in reading and math.
- Students who participate in school band or orchestra have the lowest levels of current and lifelong use of alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drugs among any group in our society.
- The more a person is involved in music, the less likely they are to be arrested.
- Music students outperform their non-arts peers on the SAT, scoring 61 points higher on the verbal portion and 42 points higher on the math portion of the exam. The average scores achieved by music students increase for every year of musical study.