How does music study impact a child's development?

Research sources available at creativepianoteacher.com/artsadvocacy



Children who participate in music have enhanced cognitive development. Music study builds and strengthens connections between brain cells and engages both the right and left brain

Improves motor coordination

Music improves fine and gross motor skills, including hand-eye coordination and dexterity - skills that are important for everyday activities like handwriting or

Increases focus and attention

Children who take music lessons learn to focus on details and can have greater attention span. Listening to music during study sessions can improve focus, even for non-musicians!

Enhances memory

Studying music requires a high level of memorization to recall notes, music symbols, patterns, and more. Music students rank higher than others on memory recall tests.

Boosts academic performance

Music students score higher on standardized tests, particularly Math and English. They also have increased spatial intelligence, so they can more easily visualize how elements go together.

Accelerates language skills

Children who study music may develop auditory pathways at a faster rate, which means that their language and reading skills may develop faster too.

Builds social awareness

Music students develop empathy and emotional intelligence as well as collaborative skills. Strengths such as these are some of the most coveted skills in a workplace.

Creates emotional resilience

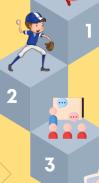
Music students are taught lessons in resilience every day, as they must become comfortable with having to try again and work hard to understand or perfect a piece of music.

Provides a pathway to explore creativity and expression

Music lessons are a natural avenue for children to explore ways to be creative and express themselves. This leads to innovation, which in turn can lead to professional success.

Develops confidence, self-esteem, and self-efficacy

Music study provides a direct route to help children set individual goals and nurture confidence from within, thus motivating them to keep working towards their objectives even when met with a challenge.













Organizations with arts advocacy resources:

National Endowment for the Arts

arts.gov

National Art Education Association

arteducators.org

Americans for the Arts

americansforthearts.org

National Association for Music Education

nafme.org/advocacy

Music Teachers National Association

mtna.org

National Guild for Community Arts Education

nationalguild.org

Kennedy Center for the Arts

kennedy-center.org/education/

Arts Education Partnership

aep-arts.org

International Arts Materials Association

namtaartadvocacy.org

Music Education Works

musiceducationworks.wordpress.com

ARTSpeaks

artspeaks.net/

Save the Music Foundation

savethemusic.org

Performing Arts Alliance

theperformingartsalliance.org



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