**Just the Facts**

93% of Americans believe that the arts are vital to provide a well-rounded education. A student involved in the arts is 4x more likely to be recognized for academic achievement.

Students who take four years of the arts in high school average almost 100 points higher on the SAT scores than students who take one-half year or less.

Low-income students who are highly engaged in the arts are 2x as likely to graduate from college as their peers with no arts education.

**Arts Education Prepares Students for Success in School.**

**Arts education:**
- Boosts literacy and English Language Arts skills
- Engages students in school and motivates them to learn
- Advances math achievement
- Develops critical thinking
- Improves school culture

**Arts Education Prepares Students for Success in Work.**

**Arts education:**
- Builds collaboration and communication skills
- Strengthens problem solving ability
- Increases capacity for leadership
- Develops creativity, one of the top five skills employers value
- Strengthens perseverance
- Facilitates cross-cultural learning
- Fosters a creative community

**Arts Education Prepares Students for Success in Life.**

**Arts education:**
- Builds community and supports civic engagement
- Builds collaboration and communication skills
- Strengthens perseverance
- Facilitates cross-cultural learning
- Fosters a creative community

**Arts Education Supports the Social & Emotional Well-Being of Students.**

**Arts education:**
- Encourages student learning through collaboration and communication
- Promotes self-awareness, self-efficacy, and self management
- Helps students make responsible decisions
- Develops social awareness and relationship skills

The Iowa Arts and Culture sector contributes $4 billion to the state's economy. This represents 2.2% of Iowa's GDP and 42,373 jobs.

A fine arts education fosters the creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication skills that 21st century employers are looking for when hiring employees.

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