

# BE IN THE KNOW

## Just the Facts

**93%** of Americans believe that the arts are vital to provided 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

**+100 POINTS**



## 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



Develops creativity one of the top five skills employers value

Increases capacity for leadership



## Arts Education Prepares Students for Success in Life.

### Arts education:

Builds community and supports civic engagement

Strengthens perseverance



Facilitates cross-cultural learning

Fosters a creative community



## Why the Arts Matter to Iowa's Economy:

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



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

### Arts education:

Encourages student learning through collaboration and communication



Assists students in developing responsible decision making



Promotes self-awareness, self efficacy and self management

Develops social awareness and relationship skills

