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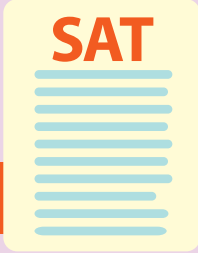
93% of  **Americans** believe that the **arts are vital** to provided a **well-rounded education**

A student involved in the arts is **4x** more likely to be recognized for **academic achievement**

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



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:

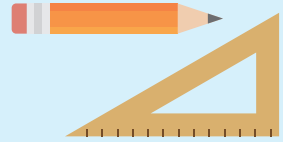
- Boosts **literacy** and **English Language Arts skills**
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-  **Engages students** in school and motivates them to learn

Arts Education Prepares Students for Success in Life.

Arts education:

- Builds **community** and supports **civic engagement**
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-  **Facilitates cross-cultural learning**

Advances math achievement



 **Develops critical thinking**

Improves school culture

Arts Education Prepares Students For Success in Work.

Arts education:

- Builds **collaboration** and **communication skills**
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Develops creativity one of the top five skills employers value



Strengthens perseverance


 **Fosters a creative community**

Strengthens problem solving ability

Increases capacity for leadership



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:

-  Promotes **self-awareness, self efficacy** and **self management**
- Develops **social awareness** and **relationship skills**
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Assists students in **developing responsible decision making**



 **Encourages student learning** through **collaboration** and **communication**

