



How often do you find

- Low-income students are more than *twice as likely* to graduate college as their peers with no arts education.
- 72% of business leaders say that **creativity** is the number one skill they are seeking when hiring.
- Students who participate in the arts, both in and after school, demonstrate **improved academic performance** and lower dropout rates.
- Arts Education helps prepare our students for the expectations of the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce, which includes the ability to **innovate, communicate and collaborate.**
- Extensive research has demonstrated that arts education engages students in learning, contributes to **higher test scores** and **reduces truancy and dropout rates.**
- Arts education **develops students' critical thinking skills**—including skills for comparing, hypothesizing, critiquing, and exploring multiple perspectives.

More than  
**2X AS MANY**  
high-arts-  
participation/low socio-  
economic-status students  
are actively involved in  
community service.