Arts Facts . . . SAT Scores and the Arts
Students with four years of high school arts classes have higher SAT scores than students with one-half year or less.

Arts Students Outperform Non-Arts Students on SAT
(Average Points Better on SAT by Arts Students)

- Data from The College Board shows that students who take four years of arts and music classes while in high school score 98 points better on their SATs than students who took only one-half year or less (scores of 1,080 vs. 981, respectively).

- *The 2006 and 2007 data reflect the Critical Reading and Mathematics portions of the SAT only. The new Writing section of the test is excluded from this analysis for year-to-year comparison purposes. Students with four years of art and music classes averaged 532 on the Writing portion of the test—60 points higher than students with one-half year or less of arts/music classes (472).