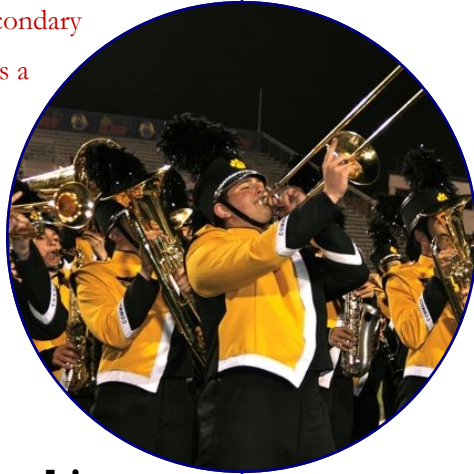


# Did you know...

- More than 200,000 Suffolk County students receive music education from more than 1,000 certified teachers.
- More than 3,200 Suffolk County music students participate in All-County Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble and Vocal Jazz groups.
- **The Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act defines the arts as a core subject.**



## Suffolk County Partnership for Music Education

**Our mission is to ensure that children continue to receive the same benefits from music education that exist today.**

For more information about the Suffolk County Music Educators Association, please visit [www.scmea.org](http://www.scmea.org).

## Suffolk County Commercial Members

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- UR Tours & Events
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*"Music is to the mind as air is to the body." -Plato.*



## Suffolk County Partnership for Music Education

**Educators  
Parents  
Merchants  
Artists**

**working together to ensure that music is part of every child's education.**



*"..without the arts, there can be no civilization" - Aristotle*

**Suffolk County Music Educators Association**

How Music Can  
Make You a Rocket  
Scientist

There is a very strong correlation between childhood engagement in the creative arts and measurable success later in life, researchers at Michigan State University have found.

Although a number of scientists have demonstrated that exposure to music and art during early life enhances the development of the brain, it has been difficult to measure how that has affected their adult performance.

"We conclude, therefore, that a very strong case can be made that arts and crafts training correlates significantly with success as a scientist or an engineer and that this success can be measured in economically valuable products such as patentable inventions and founding new

companies," the researchers conclude in their study, published in the journal *Economic Development Quarterly*.

"The most interesting finding was the importance of sustained participation in those activities," Rex LaMore, lead author and director of MSU's Center for Community and Economic Development, said in releasing the study. "If you started as a young child and continued in your adult years, you're more likely to be an inventor as measured by the number of patents generated, businesses formed, or articles published. And that was something we were surprised to discover." - *Lee Dye, ABC World News, 2013*

# Celebrate Music Education!!!

⇒ **Music** and the other arts are basic to life!

⇒ **Music** is a significant part of the U.S. economy!

⇒ **Music** brings the community into our schools!  
(In Suffolk County alone, well over one million parents and community members attend performances each year.)



⇒ **Music** serves the community!  
(parades, senior citizens, various public performances)

⇒ **Music** teaches cultural diversity!

⇒ **Music** programs keep students in school and off drugs!

⇒ **Music** students score significantly higher on S.A.T. exams!

⇒ **Music**-making builds brain mass!

The collective wisdom from real-world experience, clinical studies and research support the view that music has strong positive neurological system-wide effects. It is the ethical, scientific and cultural imperative that all children get exposure to music as an equal with every other discipline. - *Eric Jensen, Brain-Based Learning, 2002*



Notable Accomplished  
Musicians

U.S. Secretary of the State Condoleezza Rice - Piano, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Alan Greenspan - Clarinet, Piano, Hedge

Fund Billionaire Bruce Kovner - Piano, Billionaire Co-founder of Microsoft Paul Allen - Guitar, Scientist Albert Einstein - Violin, Piano, Astronaut Neil Armstrong - Baritone Horn, Thomas Edison - Piano, Alexander Graham Bell - Piano, Albert Schweitzer - Organ, Television Broadcaster Paula Zahn - Cello, NBC Chief White House Correspondent Chuck Todd - French Horn, NBC's Andrea Mitchell - Violin, Google Co-founder Larry Page - Saxophone, Film Director Steven Spielberg - Clarinet, World Bank President James D. Wolfensohn - Cello