

austin soundwaves

In 2011...

The Hispanic Alliance for the Performing Arts launched Austin Soundwaves in collaboration with The University of Texas College Of Fine Arts. Austin Soundwaves provides free, high-quality music education to artistically-underserved youth as a means to strengthen resiliency and awaken intrinsic motivation to learn, create, and achieve. Austin Soundwaves staff members provide ongoing mentoring to students and actively engage with parents every step of the way.



issue

Why Austin Soundwaves needed:

Declining budgets and shifting curricular priorities have minimized and diluted arts education programs.



Low income communities and schools lack the resources to provide high quality, intensive, long-term music education programs and performance opportunities.



Low income students begin their musical training later in life, and rarely receive specialized, individual and small group instruction and therefore do not persist and excel in music programs and ensembles.



solution

Theory of Change

Austin Soundwaves eliminates financial and cultural barriers so that students and their families can access a high quality music education program in their neighborhood.

Austin Soundwaves combines group and ensemble musical training along with specialized small group and individual instruction and mentoring to help students **strengthen resiliency, awaken intrinsic motivation, and develop the agency needed to set and meet long-term goals.**

Students participate in multiple collaborative events and receive coaching and specialized instruction so that they can overcome obstacles to gaining admittance into advanced programs and ensembles both in and out of school.

Students receive one-on-one mentoring that creates a path for high school success, college admittance, and a lifelong commitment to the arts and education.

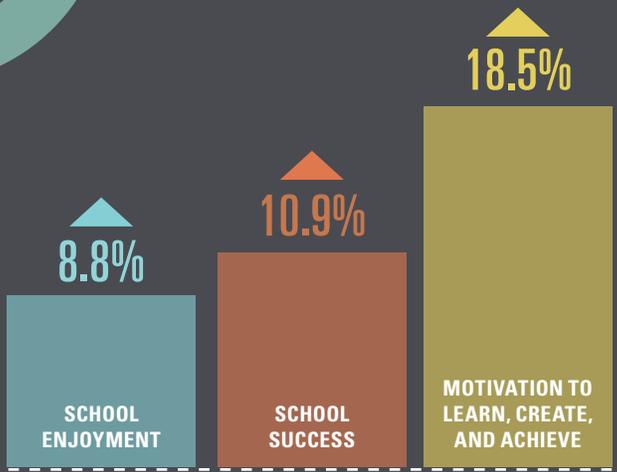




Arts education has had a measurable impact on at-risk youth in deterring delinquent behavior and truancy problems while also increasing overall academic performance.

01 School Attendance

SOUNDWAVES STUDENTS HAVE BETTER ATTENDANCE



02 (2011-2012) First year results!

future

01: Ensure continued high quality programming for all currently enrolled Austin Soundwaves students.

02: Develop and implement an Austin Soundwaves Curriculum and Student Experience Guide.

03: Develop and implement an automated student data collection system that is streamlined, user-friendly, and aligned with organizational goals.

04: Identify cost-effective strategies for increasing number of students served by Austin Soundwaves over the next three years.

05: Find ways to recruit, engage, and retain volunteers.

06: Develop and nurture strategic partnerships within the arts, education, and social services sectors.

07: Retain staff by offering a challenging and rewarding work environment as well as opportunities for professional growth and advancement.

08: Become a well-known and highly regarded program in Austin and in Central Texas.

09: Become a national model for highly effective and efficient delivery of El Sistema inspired music education.

