

what can you do?

Anyone can:

Be an advocate for the availability of a **wider variety of clubs and organizations**.



Show teachers, parents, administrators, and community members the specific benefits of **participation in at least one activity** for several hours each week.



Share the research on activity involvement with parents, teachers, administrators, and community members.



Empower students to thrive in school by helping them: find their spark, identify their champions, and connect with opportunities offered through student activities.



Show up at competitions, plays, inductions, awards programs, games, and other events to let students know that **you support their involvement**.



Research clearly shows that participation in student activities:

- ✓ **Increases test scores**
- ✓ **Lowers dropout rates**
- ✓ **Reduces risky behavior**
- ✓ **Develops social and emotional skills**
- ✓ **Provides a springboard to college and career success**

But arts, athletics, and activities programs are the missing variable in too many educational reform equations.

You have the power to turn that around!

And educators can:

Promote participation in student activities to the students you see regularly. Use your influence to get them involved.

Invite principals, the superintendent, and school board members to attend your events and let them **see students engaged in meaningful activities**.

Demonstrate the reach of your program by gathering data on the number of students who participate in your events, activities, and programs—and publishing that information.



Be a Champion.
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