

# Let $X$ = Student Activities

The Alliance for Student Activities has created an engaging multimedia presentation that pulls together the most current research, dialogue, and thinking about the impact of cocurricular activities on student performance. The evidence is overwhelming and the research that has been done is quite compelling.

*Student Activities are the missing variable in too many educational reform equations.*

DO the Math:  $(N+C+L+B) + X$

- Whatever your desired educational, social, or emotional outcome, student activities are the common denominator that drives student performance.
- Research shows that participation in student activities increases students' standardized test scores, GPAs, graduation rates, college acceptance rates, and college success rates.
- Involvement in student activities, athletics, or the arts practically eliminates the likelihood that a student will choose to drop out of high school.
- Student activities develop core social and emotional skills while reducing high-risk behavioral problems and long-term public assistance needs.
- Student activities are a bargain. The average school district spends less than 3% of its overall operating budget to support them. The money they save in preventing destructive social problems, the contributions they make in volunteer hours and community service, the public relations value they add to a school system and the potential for community and corporate sponsorship and support make student activities a "value-added" proposition in every sense of the word.

So, whether you are an educator, an administrator, a policy-maker, or a community member, when it comes to student activities— *make the time, promote the value, and become a champion!*

**"When  $X$  = Student Activities, performance follows!"**

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