

"Billy Joel said it best," I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music." I have learned over the years that music is a universal language, no matter if you're black, white, hispanic, mixed, or suffering from a disability. I have been diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), which means I can get off task easily, but band/music has helped me with that. Whether kids at your school are making fun of you, or you may be the captain of the varsity team, or you are the nerd that sits by yourself at lunch, that doesn't mean you can or can't create music. Music is another fun way of learning, it isn't all about books, paper, and pencil. You actually get to learn mentally and physically, with music you can learn with hands on activities!"



“Music is important in schools, because it gives kids something to do. It lets kids have fun while they are at school and show off their talents. Kids get to have fun at concerts and games. Music lets kids show off their singing and playing skills. It makes me look forward to coming to school. It gives me something to do and I love it.”

Natalie, 8th grade, Independence Middle School (Raleigh County)



"Yes, I think music is important. I think it is important because it helps school attendance. It helps because some kids enjoy music. Without it, school attendance would decrease. Therefore, I think music should stay in school."

Lana, 7th Grade, Independence Middle School

