Mp3 players in school?

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Do you think students should be allowed to listen to music during school? I believe that students should be able to listen to music while in school. I believe that students should be able to. My reasons are; it helps improve mathematics other academic subjects, music can calm them students down so they can have a better attitude, music can also help language and literacy development, and finally different types of music can help different types of people.

First, a Canadian research group from McMaster University compared two groups of six children between ages four and six. One group took music lessons and the other had no musical instruction. The results showed that the children who received musical instruction excelled above their peers in memory skills and non- musical abilities such as literacy and mathematics and even on IQ tests.

Secondly, music can calm the person who is listening to it conversely,or it can wake them up without putting water on their face. It can also help them have a better attitude towards other people or help them with anger problems. Music can also calm yourself down when you’re feeling like you can’t calm down. Music is a natural thing. “It is part of our biological heritage and is hardwired into our genes as a survival strategy. Music may be used to increase harmony and social bonding among those playing it or listening to it. ”

Lastly, music can help improve language and literacy development. In an article by Laura Woodall and Brenda Ziembroski, they go into depth about music and how it promotes literacy, and how it promotes acquisition of reading and writing in early childhood.

Of course, some teachers and adults have their pros and cons about using electronics, but if students want to be independent and do what they want to do, then let them use electronics. If they want to fail a class because they can’t learn how to balance music and texting with school work and lectures, then that’s their own fault. Although there can be some difficulties with having music in school kids have to learn how to be an adult or be responsible. Mozart, even though it's classical music, happens to help people of all ages concentrate and open their minds, and help them take in more information, which will make learning shorter and more efficient.

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These reasons help me believe that students should listen to music during school. Students can have a better grades if they listen to music. But teachers should let the kids listen to their own music so that they can choose the songs that help them wake up. When I get home I want to finish my homework so I can have free time and do sports or something. When I do my homework without music it takes me much longer to finish, but if I listen to music I move faster.

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