

New Study Shows Circus Arts Improve Student Learning Skills

Integrating the circus arts into K-12 education can improve student performance, according to a new study.

Conducted in 2017 by the *Weikart Center* and funded by *Cirque Du Soleil*, the study observed residency programs offered by Circus Smirkus and seven other circus arts providers across the country.

It found that *circus residencies* improved social and emotional learning skills in all areas measured - and delivered results measurably better than all other supplemental arts and sports activities studied.

Residency Prices

- ★ In-School:
 - 1 Week: \$3,000
 - 2 Weeks: \$5,500
- ★ Additional Artist: \$1,500
- ★ After-School Program
 - Per week: \$2,000

Programs include the option for a final performance for parents and the community.

We can tailor options to fit the duration and needs of your program.

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Bringing the joy of circus arts to kids for over 30 years...

We bring the transforming power of the circus arts to kids of all ages through three different programs.

First, the [Circus Smirkus Big Top Tour](#) is Vermont's award-winning traveling youth circus - and the *only traveling youth circus in the U.S.* We have been performing to critical acclaim in New England and beyond for over three decades.

[Circus Smirkus Camp](#) is for kids who want to explore the circus arts and train with professional circus artists. They learn in our traditional Big Top tents, set in the lush hills of our Greensboro, Vermont campus, and enjoy an unforgettable residential camp experience.

[Circus Smirkus Residencies](#) give students the opportunity to learn the circus arts in school and after-school programs during the year.



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Smirkus Residencies are classroom-ready and nurture learning in a fun, creative school environment.

Based in a curriculum approach that is aligned with the principles of social-emotional learning, students develop powers of concentration, focus, and persistence. They receive expert instruction in:

- Body Movement
- Juggling
- Diabolo
- Devil Sticks
- Plate Spinning and more

Students improve balance, reflexes and fine motor skills, while setting and achieving goals together, learning cooperation in a non-competitive environment.



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