

# What is Little Kids Rock?

## What can parents do to support children in the program?

Eliot Arts offers a free modern band class with instruments provided thanks to support from **Little Kids Rock**.

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Little Kids Rock is a non-profit organization funded by grants and donations from foundations, music manufacturers, and individuals.

### How does it work?

Little Kids Rock provides free instruments and instruction to children in under-funded public schools. Specially trained volunteer educators follow an innovative curriculum. The program is rooted in popular music, including rock, funk, blues, rap and hip-hop. With the guidance of Little Kids Rock teachers, students learn to compose, perform and record their own music learning to play instruments such as **acoustic guitar, keyboard, electric guitar, electric bass, and drums!** Learning popular music styles keeps kids engaged and excited.

### What are the benefits to students?

Confidence. Creativity. Self-expression. These are just some of the words Little Kids Rock students and teachers have used to describe the experience. Studies have shown that students who have access to arts and music education perform better in school. Little Kids Rock teaches more than music – we teach students to believe in themselves and succeed in life.

### What can parents do?

If your child is in a Little Kids Rock class, there is a lot you can do to support your them and their teacher. Be an encouraging and receptive audience. Listen to your child's music with an open and appreciative ear. Give your child lots of praise. Encourage your child to play guitar at home. Be sure your child takes care of his or her instrument. Attend school performances as often as possible. Sit in on classes (be sure to check with the teacher first). Help us spread the word. Volunteer to help. Buy our CDs. Spread the joy of music!

