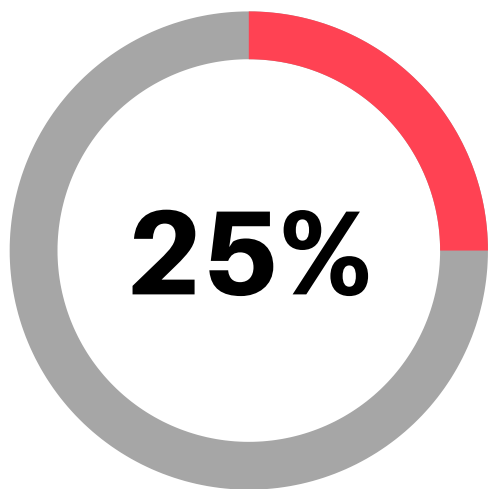




Music during the pandemic



Recent surveys show that **25%** of 55 Manhattan High School students learned to play a new instrument during the pandemic

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What instrument and why?

"The guitar... I tried learning in middle school but didn't get far with it, so I picked it up again."

-- **sophomore Madelyn McCracken**

"Trombone because I got one for free."

-- **sophomore Madelyn McCracken**

"I learned to play the piano."

-- **junior Meredith Graves**

"Ukulele."

-- **junior Phoebe Sherwin**

How has music helped you through the pandemic?

"Same as it always does: keep me distracted and happy."

-- **junior Annissa Dougherty**



Music classes and COVID-19

"Class practices are hard because the orchestra room is barely big enough for us to socially distance."

-- **sophomore Madelyn McCracken**

"Social distancing in choir makes it really hard to hear one another."

-- **senior Josie Summers**