MISSION STATEMENT: Music Haven is an inclusive community for young people to learn, play, and express themselves through tuition-free classical music lessons with world-class musicians.

Music Haven's student age range is from 6 to 18 years old. Most students are between the ages of 8 and 14. See graph below:

The services, programming, and instruments that Music Haven provides would cost a family approximately $7,500 per student, per year.

Music Haven had 91 students this year.

Students by Race

- Black/African-American: 29
- Hispanic: 36
- Caucasian: 3
- Middle Eastern: 8
- Asian: 8
- Multiracial: 7

Students by Neighborhood

- Fair Haven: 28.9%
- Other: 15.6%
- Annex: 6.7%
- Dixwell: 7.8%
- East Rock: 4.4%
- Westville: 5.6%
- West Rock: 6.7%
- Morris Cove: 2.2%
- The Hill: 13.3%

Fun Fact - Music Haven's student body represents over 50 countries and 10 spoken languages!

2,000+ one-on-one lessons
95% of Music Haven graduates enroll at a 4-year university
50 performances by students, ensembles, and the Haven String Quartet

QUALITY:
Through individualized instruction, high expectations, and long-term investment in each student, Music Haven musicians excel at their instruments.

LONGEVITY:
Our students succeed and thrive because they are part of a caring, supportive community from when they are very young through their high school graduation and beyond.

COMMUNITY:
We are focused on making sure every family is connected, supported, and included, from family check-ins, to help with transportation, support for basic needs, and potluck dinners.

EQUITY:
Our work as an arts organization is about pushing beyond access and equity to create a space of liberation for our students, their families, and everyone in our Music Haven community.

WELLNESS:
We are committed to wellness by prioritizing social time, incorporating meditation, yoga, and other physical activities, and centering emotional renewal.
Group classes are an opportunity to learn and play music together, and prepare students for more advanced ensemble experiences such as our student chamber groups and Harmony in Action, our youth chamber orchestra.

Music Bridge began as a violin class serving recent immigrants and refugees. Now those students are veterans, and play alongside and mentor new arrivals. This class builds relationships and communication skills across boundaries of language and culture.

Studio classes bring together all the students in a teacher’s studio to perform portions of their current solo repertoire. Students learn how to give and receive feedback, and share the progress they’ve made as the year goes on.

In a Suzuki playdown, students play together through a cumulative review of pieces they’ve learned from the Suzuki method, from the most advanced song they know all the way down to Twinkle Twinkle, Little Star.

Harmony In Action is Music Haven’s advanced student orchestra. HIA students meet weekly for rehearsals and present numerous concerts around New Haven throughout the year. HIA students also take part in many student-led community-based projects, as planned through their monthly dinner nights, and an annual retreat.

Our HERE (“Health & Emotional Recovery Education”) to Play Initiative recognizes that our students deal with traumas and stresses that can significantly impact their physical and mental health. HERE to Play includes access to physical outlets within our programming day such as yoga, music therapy, meditation, martial arts, and dance.

All of our students are presented with the opportunity to be tutored by excellent instructors. Students are tutored in subjects like math, reading, and science. Students who have gone through this program have seen great improvements in their respective subjects.

High school students participate in a variety of different activities and events such as volunteer workshops, game nights, and other activities with a focus on college and career development. Students also have college visits, FAFSA assistance, SAT Prep, writing workshops and college essay help.