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Young Musician Utilizes Popular App As Creative Outlet

For some, music means much more than just relaxation or a mood booster. One example is junior Terri Carter, who has been creating music in some form his entire life.

"It's something that my whole family has been doing for a while, so I want to continue the tradition," said Carter.

Just one of many students who have a passion for music, Carter has discovered it's often challenging to get started.

"Making it is kind of difficult, because it costs money, so I use my Apple headphones and a computer or just do it on my phone on Garage Band for free," said Carter.

Current applications

make life easier for people wanting to pursue music, especially with the recent rise of social media. To upload songs, underground artists are taking advantage of the social media site, "SoundCloud." A no-cost social media site solely for uploading and listening to music is unique to SoundCloud, and many, like Carter, prefer it to other sites.

"A lot of people can post any music they want on there, which is actually a pretty good thing because Spotify and Apple music, you have to pay to post," said senior, Daniel Smith. "You get a lot of different artists that you can listen to. There's more of what you want."

The app is known for its inclusivity and convenience.

"SoundCloud was the easiest way to share music," said Carter. "When I tell people on Instagram, they don't really care."

The app is changing what popularity in music means by allowing everyone to have a platform to share their talents with no cost or notoriety requirement attached.

"I like making music, because people actually think it helps them, and it makes them feel good hearing me sing," said Carter. "Most people message me right after they listen to it and say, 'That was good, keep up the good work.' I really appreciate it."

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Sometimes it's a distraction at school, but it makes it easier to keep contact inside and outside of school.

-Karah Messner, 10





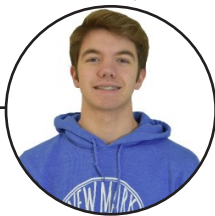
Some people get too involved in it. They change who they are. I think that's why I don't use it.

- Luke Collins, 12



It has introduced me to a wider range of people, and it allows me to communicate with people outside of my school.

- Joseph Roberts, 10



It's how I connect with people. You can tell a lot about a person from their Instagram and social media presence.

- Fatima Almansouri, 11



I use it a lot. I like to post about things I do and places I go with my friends.

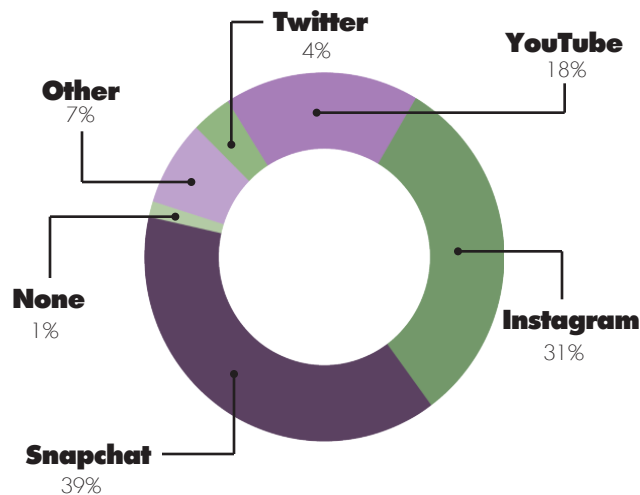
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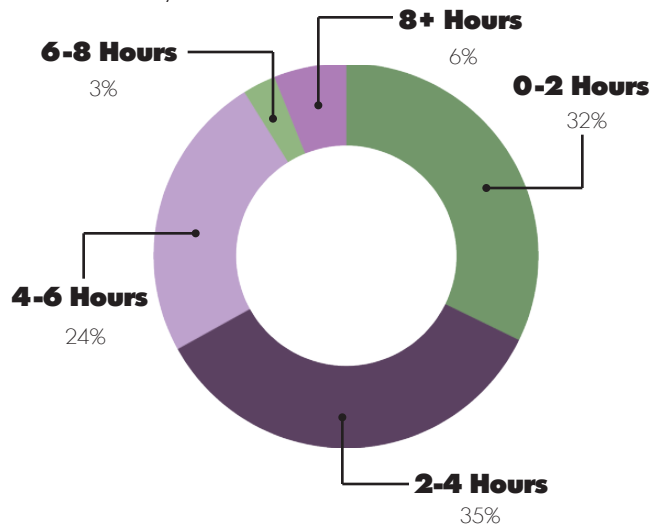
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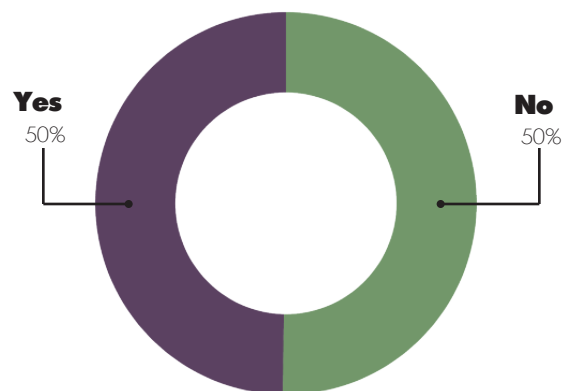
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