

## Program Evaluation

Annually, JAM sends out a request for each program to submit information about their student enrollment and program activities. We have taken your submitted information, as well as the information from other programs, and developed a report that compares your retention rates from the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years to average rates across all JAM/YAM programs. We have also determined ideal benchmarks which signify healthy, sustainable programs, and whether or not your program is meeting those benchmarks. Overall, the total average retention rates across all programs look great!

For the previous year (2013-2014), most programs reported that student achievements were their largest successes. These included: seeing students excel in student string bands or at simply learning their instrument and seeing how performances make a positive impact on the students and their self confidence. Half of the programs reported that their biggest challenges were losing kids to sports and other activities. Other common challenges seemed to be funding programs and collecting tuition from families. These challenges and solutions that others have found are often discussed at our regional teacher workshops.

**SAMPLE PROGRAM had a wonderful returning student rate from the 12-13 year to the 13-14 year. It seems that the 12-13 year was more successful in class retention than 13-14, as there are some risk factors identified for student loss in fiddle and banjo.**

The JAM benchmark for total retention and each class is 75% or more. Your rate is marked in **red** if benchmark wasn't met. This is meant to only show risk factors for your program to aid in program planning. ☺

	<b>Your Program 2012-2013</b>	<b>All Programs 2012-2013</b>	<b>Your Program 2013-2014</b>	<b>All Programs 2013-2014</b>
<b>% Total Student Retention</b>	95%	81%	67%	81%
<b>% Guitar Retention</b>	93%	81%	76%	79%
<b>% Fiddle Retention</b>	100%	77%	58%	80%
<b>% Banjo Retention</b>	100%	76%	62%	81%
<b>% Mandolin Retention</b>	---	89%	---	92%
<b>% Dance Retention</b>	---	----	---	61%

The benchmark for returning students from the previous year is 50% or more.

	<b>Your Program 2013-2014</b>	<b>All Programs 2013-2014</b>
<b># of Performances</b>	2	3
<b>% Returning Students from previous year</b>	52%	42%

\* In 2012-2013, 15/22 programs submitted information that was used to calculate these percentages and averages.

\* In 2013-2014, 20/25 programs responded, and four of those 20 programs were new that school year.