



Dear Parents,

Our school music department will be using SmartMusic® to help students learn concert music and develop essential skills. Although the program is not required, it is highly recommend that students purchase a SmartMusic home subscription as it will greatly assist their development. Since teachers will be asking students to complete SmartMusic assignments, a SmartMusic home subscription is a great tool for your student's musical development.

Please visit www.smartmusic.com where you can view a four - minute video that explains SmartMusic and how it motivates and engages students, builds student confidence, and enriches the student's total music experience.

What is needed to use SmartMusic?

SmartMusic works on your PC or Macintosh and requires an Internet connection to activate your subscription and receive and send assignments securely online. System requirements and support contacts are listed at www.smartmusic.com/support. They are also listed on the enclosed sheet.

What does SmartMusic cost?

You can purchase a full - year subscription through our school's account for \$25.50 per year. Microphones are required for assignments, tuning, recordings, and assessments and can be purchased at the same time you purchase the software. Macintosh computers may require a USB microphone adaptor. After the complete purchase, you are looking at spending about \$4.00 a month. What a great investment in your child's education!

How do I get started?

Here are the easy steps to purchase and activate your SmartMusic subscription. While you must be online to activate, receive, or post assignments and to download music, no web browser is required, and you can practice off - line at any time. If you run into any questions, SmartMusic tech support is free!

1. Purchase your SmartMusic subscription through your child's band director by filling out and sending back the enclosed order form.
2. When you receive SmartMusic, install SmartMusic with the installation disc and launch the program.
3. You will be prompted to activate your subscription using the e - mail address and password that you create.
4. Each student will need to be assigned an e-mail address along with a parent e-mail address so that they can receive and submit assignments. Parents will get notification of assignments, when assignments have been completed, and be able to view and hear your child's work and see the feedback.

If I have more than one music student at home, do I have to purchase more subscriptions?

No. After purchasing a subscription, you activate that subscription on a single computer. Additional subscriptions would be necessary only if your family would like to practice on more than one computer at home.

We're confident that both you and your child will quickly appreciate how SmartMusic transforms practicing, motivates students, and helps prepare great performances!

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Mr. Tom Tedeschi
Mr. Brian Ohlsen



SmartMusic Features

SmartMusic is a one-of-a-kind practice software that will become an essential and helpful tool to enhance your child's musical learning and practice routine. Using SmartMusic also increases their options of different things they can practice. Please take a few minutes to view the SmartMusic videos that explain how this program can work for your child. Go to www.smartmusic.com.

Here are just some of the things this program includes:

All Band and Orchestra accompaniments are professional recordings done with live musicians. It's like having the Band or Orchestra in your home!!

- 30,000 plus Band, jazz band, and orchestra titles, complete with educator-approved assignments for all parts.
- Solo accompaniments, perfect for recitals and contest.
- 50,000 skill-building exercises for musicians at all levels.
- Beginning band and string method books.
- Record, playback, and listen to recordings of your performance.
- Jazz repertoire and innovative tools for learning improvisation.
- SmartMusic's unique practice loop lets students isolate and repeat difficult measures. Start slowly and build speed, focusing on the areas that need the most work.
- Transpose music into any key for additional practice.
- Choose music to practice from more than 12 different method books including the Standard of Excellence series.
- Scales and arpeggios are rarely a student's favorite practice material, but SmartMusic makes learning these fundamental skills challenging and fun.
- Listen to just the solo line, just the accompaniment, or hear them both together. SmartMusic allows the flexibility to meet each student's needs.
- Practice their Band music with the entire group.
- Customize the speed at which a student needs to practice.
- Make CDs of their recordings for family, friends, or to track improvement.
- Automatic upgrades when new music, titles, and features are available

Much, Much, More !!!!!

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