



Dear Parents,

Our school music department will be using SmartMusic® to help students learn concert music and develop essential skills. We highly recommend students purchase a SmartMusic home subscription as it will greatly assist their development. 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. You can use the Smart Music CD-ROM to activate your 3 month free subscription. Smart Music will require a microphone (and a USB microphone adaptor for Macintosh computers).

What does SmartMusic cost?

After your 3 month trial subscription, you can purchase a full-year subscription directly from SmartMusic for only \$30 per year. A microphone is necessary to use the Smart Music program (for assignments, tuning, recording, and assessments). Usually, the microphones that come with computers work fine. However, Smart Music does have special microphones available at a cost of \$19.95. Macintosh computers also require a USB microphone adaptor. You can order your SmartMusic subscription, microphone, and microphone adaptor (as necessary) by going to www.smartmusic.com and clicking the *Order Now* button.

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. Visit www.smartmusic.com and follow the on-screen instructions to order your subscription, microphone, and free installation disc.
2. When you receive SmartMusic at home, 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 created while ordering.

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.

