



Dear Summit Band Parents,

The software program SmartMusic will be used this year as part of our curriculum, and we recommend that students purchase a subscription to use at home, if possible. SmartMusic allows students to practice lesson book exercises, solos and band compositions with professional accompaniment, making practice time fun and more productive. SmartMusic includes built-in assessment features, which provide your child with immediate feedback on their performance, and motivates continued improvement.

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. (At this time, we will not be using SmartMusic Impact, the online grade book that is described in the video.)

What is needed to use SmartMusic?

SmartMusic works on your PC or Macintosh and requires an Internet connection to activate your subscription and receive system updates. System are listed at www.smartmusic.com.

What does SmartMusic cost?

We have secured special pricing for our students. The one-year subscription is \$21.25 (regularly \$30), the PC microphone is \$12.71 (regularly \$14.95) and a Mac microphone is \$25.46 (\$29.95 retail). The Mac mic has a USB adapter built in. You can order your SmartMusic subscription and microphone 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 your subscription 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. Your discount will be applied after you select your child's school. If you do not live in the Johnston zip code, you can still select Summit, but you will need expand the list of schools within several miles for your zip code.
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.
4. Technical support is available online at www.smartmusic.com/support or toll-free at 866-240-4041 weekdays from 8:30 am – 8:00 pm.

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 concerts!

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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