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The Weston Public Schools Instrumental Music Program is introducing an exciting new tool into the band and orchestra curriculum, grades 4-12 this school year. **SmartMusic** is an incredible software program that helps students receive, practice and submit their school music assignments from home. Students practice with professional accompaniment, making practicing fun and more productive. SmartMusic includes built-in assessment features, which provide your child with immediate feedback on their performance and motivates continued improvement. SmartMusic has hundreds of accompaniments built into their program, both for solo literature (ie. Method books, Suzuki books, concertos...) and for band, orchestra and jazz ensembles. Therefore, students will be able to practice and be assessed on their band/orchestra/jazz music with professional accompaniment from their home computers!

SmartMusic will be fully integrated into the band and orchestra curriculum this school year. **We would like ALL students to purchase a subscription for their home computers.** If this is not possible, the student should speak with their music teacher, in order to set up an account on a school computer, where they will need to perform their assessments before or after school. Please speak to your teacher if there is an issue with purchasing a home subscription. For more information about this software, you can visit their website at www.smartmusic.com.

What is needed to use Smart Music?

SmartMusic works on your PC or Mac and requires an internet connection to activate your subscription and receive assignments on-line. A microphone is also required. If you do not already have one, we suggest that you order a SmartMusic microphone. This special microphone has a clip that allows it to be attached to an instrument or student's shirt while practicing. System requirements and support contacts are listed at www.smartmusic.com/support.

What is the cost?

We have secured special pricing for our students. The one-year subscription is \$21.25 (\$30.00 retail price) and the microphone is \$16.96 (\$19.95 retail price), if needed.

Instructions for Ordering Smart Music

1. Visit www.smartmusic.com. Click on Order Now! After entering your information and zip code select your school from the list provided. If your home zip code is not the Weston zip code, select find more schools until Weston appears on the list.
2. Follow the onscreen instructions to order your subscription, microphone, and free installation disc. (Shipping costs apply unless you choose to download and **unselect** the free CD.)
3. When you receive Smart Music at home install Smart Music with the installation disc and launch the program. If you have chosen to download follow the instructions provided.
4. You will be prompted to activate your subscription using the students e-mail address and password that you created while ordering.
5. After subscription process is complete, the student should enroll in his/her class.

Smart Music Questions? Contact technical support online at www.smartmusic.com/support or by calling toll free 866-240-4041.