



Dickerson Middle School Band

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Dear Parents,

The Cobb County School District has approved the use of SmartMusic in instrumental music classes. This program will assist students in practicing by providing instant feedback assessment on the notes and rhythms the students are playing, enabling students to practice with full accompaniment recordings at varying tempi, providing a built-in tuner feature to assist students with intonation, and allowing students to record themselves and listen to their own performance.

We are very excited about using this technology in our classes this year! We will have four computers in the band room that will be able to run the program, but the most exciting part about SmartMusic is that all students can have this technology for use at home as well!

SmartMusic runs on your PC or Mac and does require an internet connection. The software program is included on the CD rom found in the Essential Elements 2000 band book, and can be installed at any time, however it is an older version, and you may need to download the upgrade to get started. There is a yearly subscription fee to have access at home. The retail price for SmartMusic is \$36.00, but since the school system is implementing the program, we have a subscription price for \$22.50. This will purchase a subscription for an entire calendar year.

Purchasing a subscription will allow your child access to wonderful practice and assessment tools. All of the exercises in the Essential Elements 2000 book are loaded into SmartMusic for your child to use. Additionally, all GMEA scales and etudes are in SmartMusic as well as hundreds of solo titles for each individual instrument.

Instructions for ordering Smart Music can be found on the back of this letter. Subscribing for home use is optional, but the resources your child will receive for around \$20.00 are wonderful.

If you have any questions, please just send us an email!

Thank you,

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DIRECTIONS FOR INSTALLING SMARTMUSIC

- 1) log on to www.Smartmusic.com
- 2) Click on ORDER NOW
- 3) ORDER THE \$36.00/YEAR SUBSCRIPTION
- 4) When registering, make sure you sign up for DICKERSON Middle School. You will receive the \$22.50 price upon check-out.
- 5) When entering an email address, pick one that a) you wish to receive assignment notifications, and b) your child can easily remember for logging in. This email address becomes your SmartMusic ID. Also, pick an easy password for your child to remember. I can not access your password information!
- 6) You may order the installation disk, or you may cancel the disk. This will save you shipping, and once you have an account, you can download the program from their website at no cost. You may also order a microphone, or pick one up at any local store if you need one.
- 7) Install the program (either download or wait for the CD) and launch SmartMusic.
- 8) You will be prompted to activate your subscription using your child's e-mail address and password you created while ordering.

SmartMusic questions? Contact Technical Support online at www.smartmusic.com/support or by calling toll-free (866) 240-4041 weekdays 9:30 am – 9:00 pm (EST).