



Smart Music!

Dear students and parents,

We are extremely fortunate to have a tremendous free computer program available to all band students called "Smart Music". This is one of 3 free software programs included on your yellow and black Essential Elements discs. If you have not already done so, please load this program onto your computer and start using it. Smart Music is free for the 1st 99 songs in the book. After song #99 you would need to purchase a subscription if you want to continue to use it. If you do not have a computer that works well enough to load this program and you visit a relative or friend regularly, perhaps they would allow you to load this program on one of their computers so you can practice at their home some of the time. To use the best features on Smart Music, you should purchase an inexpensive computer microphone (available at Wal-Mart, Kmart, Staples, Circuit City, Radio Shack for about \$10).

If you are having technical difficulties installing or using Smart Music, you can call this toll free tech support # and they should be able to assist you: **1-866-240-4041**. They can even allow you to download the most recent version of this program.

Why use Smart Music?

1. Using a microphone, it will tell you what notes you played correctly and which ones you missed. It will even give you a score, telling you how many total notes you played right! You can even e-mail that score to Mr. Wilson!
2. You can record your songs and send those recordings as MP3 files to relatives, friends and Mr. Wilson! NOTE: ♪ It would be GREAT if you would send Mr. Wilson a recording of one of your best songs once a week! His e-mail address is mark.wilson@ship.k12.pa.us.
3. It has an excellent built in tuner so you can tune up your instrument!
4. It has an excellent built in metronome that you can use to keep a steady speed with other songs you play.
5. The moving highlighted notes make it easier to follow the music.
6. You can change the speed of the song so that you can play hard songs slower and easy songs faster.
7. If you click on any note in the song, Smart Music will tell you the name of that note and show you a fingering chart.
8. Smart Music has a large built in Music Dictionary with definitions of musical terms and explanation of symbols used in music.
9. You can print the music you have played.

