



Dear Parent,

SmartMusic is going to be an amazing benefit to our band students. It will help each person learn faster than ever before. They will be able to fix mistakes by themselves because SmartMusic will show them exactly what the mistakes are. SmartMusic gives immediate feedback that can even help YOU to be able to help your son or daughter in band.

I recently sent an email to all band families showing the benefits of SmartMusic and how it will be incorporated into East Middle School's band program. You can see all this information at [www.raypecband.org/middleschool](http://www.raypecband.org/middleschool).

Here are some important reminders about SmartMusic:

- All students will use SmartMusic in band. We have 2 practice rooms for students to use in the band room. Because students will want more time with SmartMusic, families may purchase a copy for their home computer.
- SmartMusic shows students when they play notes correctly and incorrectly helping students to fix mistakes.
- SmartMusic plays all the band parts with you so you aren't alone. This makes practicing fun!
- Students will take Playing Quizzes with SmartMusic. This allows students to work up their best playing sample, and only be graded on their best work.

#### **Why order SmartMusic for home?**

Ordering SmartMusic for home is optional, but has many benefits.

- Your child will have more fun practicing.
- Your child will practice longer.
- Your child will be able to take as much time as needed to send in only their best playing for a playing quiz. (Space and availability in the school practice rooms will be very limited).
- YOU will be able to see exactly which notes are right and wrong and be able to help your child know what to do to improve.
- YOU will be able to be a part of your child's music education in a really cool way.
- YOU will be able to save recordings of your child's playing. Grandparents would love to hear those!

# Have questions?

# ...keep reading!



- ❖ **Using SmartMusic at school is free.**
  - Students already have a school email address they can use to create their account.
- ❖ **If you order for home, you only need one copy...even if you have multiple band students. Subscriptions are \$30.60 per year.**
- ❖ **You will need internet access for everything to work properly.**
  - You can see all the computer requirements at the bottom of the order form.
- ❖ **You will need a microphone for the software to analyze your playing.**
  - Most microphones should work fine. SmartMusic offers a microphone that clips onto the instrument safely and picks up the sound really well.

**Option 1: Fill out the order form and return it to Mr. Jarrett or Mr. Wilson by October 14, 2011.**

**Option 2: Order online using the instructions in this packet.**



**Please follow the instructions below.**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Ray-Pec East Middle School is using SmartMusic®. This one-of-a-kind practice software is an essential home practice tool for band students. It will help your child stay motivated, practice more, submit their school assignments, and progress more quickly. Plus it's fun!

**How do you get SmartMusic? 3 easy steps:**

1. Fill out this form and return it to Mr. Jarrett. The SmartMusic CD-Rom and any accessories that you order will be sent to your child's school:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Platform:  Windows® or  Macintosh®

12 month-SmartMusic Student Site Subscription \$30.60 per computer \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES:

Instrumental Microphone for Windows\* \$16.96 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Instrumental Microphone for Macintosh\* \$25.46 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: RPEMS**

**Turn in by: October 14, 2011**

\* A microphone is required for recording, Intelligent Accompaniment®, tuning, and assessment. We recommend the SmartMusic microphone.

**2. When your child brings SmartMusic home, install SmartMusic from the CD-ROM. You'll be prompted to activate your subscription using a SmartMusic code that will be provided by your child's director. Activation takes a few minutes and requires an Internet connection. An Internet connection is also required to receive and submit assignments and to download accompaniments.**

**3. Start Practicing! You can learn how to set up and use SmartMusic by watching the SmartMusic Quickstart Videos at [www.smartmusic.com/support](http://www.smartmusic.com/support)**

Questions? Contact Technical Support online at [www.smartmusic.com/support](http://www.smartmusic.com/support) or by calling toll-free, 866.240.4041 weekdays from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (CST).

**SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS: Windows®:** Pentium® 4-class processor or higher, 512 MB RAM, Windows XP/Vista. Vista 32-bit edition (64-bit compatible) requires 1 GB RAM and Windows Experience Index Processor Subscore of 4.5 or higher. DirectX® 9 or later compatible sound card for Windows XP, Direct X 10 or later for Vista. **Macintosh®:** 1.25 GHz G4 processor or higher (PPC or Mac Intel), 512 MB RAM, Mac OS 10.4. Mac OS 10.5 requires 1 GB RAM and 2 GHz Intel Core Duo processor or higher. Microphone adaptor. **Both:** CD-ROM drive. 1 GB free disk space. Headphones or speakers. Monitor resolution of 1024x768. One available USB port for the optional foot pedal. Please check [www.smartmusic.com/support](http://www.smartmusic.com/support) for additional details.





## Ordering Online with a Site Agreement Discount

1. Go to **www.smartmusic.com** and click on **Order Now** in the **For Students** section.
2. Click the red **Add to Cart** button to place a student subscription in your cart. (NOTE: You only need one subscription per computer, so if your family has more than one music student, you're all set.)
3. SmartMusic works best with a SmartMusic microphone, so we strongly recommend buying one when you order your subscription. (NOTE: Built-in computer microphones are not supported in SmartMusic.)

**Your order will show at retail price at this point. This will change to your discounted price during Check Out.** Click **Continue**.

4. Existing customers should log in with the e-mail address and password you used the last time you purchased SmartMusic. New users should Create a New Account and enter your contact information.

**Very Important: Choose Your School to receive your discounted price.**

Please select your school or choose none.

Show schools within  miles of  \*

(Zip/Postal Code)

- Basswood Elementary
- Birchview Elementary
- Central Middle School
- Cherrywood Elementary
- Claremont High School
- Claremont Middle School
- Crabtree Elementary
- East High School
- East Middle School
- Edison High School
- Harris High School
- Harris Middle School

The screenshot shows a search interface for schools. At the top, it says "Please select your school or choose none." Below that, there are two input fields: "Show schools within" with a dropdown menu set to "1" and "miles of" with a text box containing "67812". To the right of the "67812" field is a "Go" button. Below the input fields is a list of school names. The list includes: Basswood Elementary, Birchview Elementary, Central Middle School (highlighted in blue), Cherrywood Elementary, Claremont High School, Claremont Middle School, Crabtree Elementary, East High School, East Middle School, Edison High School, Harris High School, and Harris Middle School. Two red arrows point upwards from the "1" in the dropdown and the "67812" in the text box to the "Central Middle School" entry in the list.

If you do not see your school, enter the ZIP code of the school, or expand your search range to show more schools.

5. Click Check Out > **Site Agreement Discount will be applied** > Enter Payment Information and complete your order.

### Technical problems? We are here to help!

Submit your questions online at [www.smartmusic.com/support](http://www.smartmusic.com/support)

Toll free: (866) 240-4041