

The Midwest  
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# BOOST

Your  
Technology  
Chops



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Apps, Tools, & Online Resources for  
the Music Educator

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## I. Paperless Classroom

- **Daily Rehearsal Slide**
  - Daily Rehearsal Slide Template with Countdown Timer – [Steal it!](#)
  - Viewable by all students as they enter rehearsal
  - Use PowerPoint, Pages or Google Slides
  - Embed video, like YouTube countdown timer
  - ♪ Keep a record of all lessons
  - ♪ Include learning targets and objectives
- **Noteflight**
  - [www.noteflight.com](http://www.noteflight.com)
  - Easy-to-use online alternative to Finale or Sibelius.
  - Cloud-based, can be accessed from any computer and with iPad app.
  - ♪ Ideal for creating customized warm-ups or lessons and re-writing/editing parts
- **Scanner Pro & JotNot**
  - iPhone apps: [JotNot](#), [Scanner Pro](#)
  - Android alternative: [ScanBot](#)
  - Snap a photo and save/send as a PDF
  - Documents, articles, worksheets, permission slips, etc.
  - Save to Drive, Dropbox, and Evernote or email
  - ♪ Collect artifacts for teaching evaluations
- **Remind**
  - [www.remind.com](http://www.remind.com)
  - Group texting app designed for educational use
  - Send quick, simple messages to any device
  - Safe: Keep phone numbers private—students never see yours, and you never see theirs
  - ♪ Great for trips, concert reminders, fundraiser due dates, and assignment reminders
- **Smore**
  - [www.smorepages.com](http://www.smorepages.com)
  - Create sleek, eye-catching newsletters that can be emailed, printed, and downloaded.
  - Embed photos, links, maps, and Google forms.
  - ♪ Great for newsletters, concert info, and field trip details. Can even be used as a basic webpage.
- **Google Classroom**
  - <https://classroom.google.com/>
  - Classroom management system that works beautifully with Google Drive
  - Post links, create assignments, collect assignments, post discussion topics to promote interaction
  - Currently only available to schools or districts that use Google Apps for Education
  - ♪ Excellent for video playing assessments

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## II. Assessment & Blended Learning Tools

- Kahoot!
  - [getkahoot.com](http://getkahoot.com)
  - Gamify learning for your students.
  - Download data and view results
  - ♪ Great for pre-testing the class on a concept
  - [Educator's guide to Kahoot!](#)
- Padlet
  - [www.padlet.com](http://www.padlet.com)
  - Virtual bulletin board that allow for interaction and collaboration.
  - Use with students, parents, and colleagues
  - ♪ Examples:
    - [Why Music?](#)
    - [Practice Tips](#)
    - [Concert Shout Out](#)
- Google Forms
  - Enter assessment data like playing tests
  - Create surveys, quizzes, or event registration like Solo & Ensemble Festival
  - Photos (like the rubric below) & video can be embedded in Forms - [tutorial](#)

**Grading Rubric**

10 pts.	9 pts.	8 pts.	7 pts.	6 pts.	5 pts.
Perfect, Near perfect	1 playing errors	2 playing errors	3 playing errors	4-5 playing errors	6 or more errors

- ♪ An add-on called [AutoCrat](#) can compile results and email a summary to the student
  - AutoCrat summary [example](#)
  - How to set-up AutoCrat - [tutorial](#)
- Screencastify
  - [www.screencastify.com](http://www.screencastify.com)
  - Students record playing test videos and submit for assessment
  - Ideal for programs that utilize Chromebooks
  - Need help instructing students how to record? [Use this](#)
  - ♪ [How to, advantages & suggestions for implementing in the classroom](#)
  - [ClipChamp](#) is a good alternative to Screencastify
- Google Sheets Rubrics
  - [Scale test rubric example](#)
  - [Concert music rubric example](#) – students self-evaluate prior to submitting to Google Classroom

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### III. Video & Audio Technology

- **Hardware**
  - [Snark clip-on tuner](#)
  - [Samson Go Mic](#)
  - [Zoom Q2HD](#): video camera, web cam, USB mic, or standalone audio recorder
    - Newer version is the Q3HD – 1080p HD quality
  - [Zoom Q4](#): video recorder with X/Y microphones
  - [Zoom iQ5](#): high-quality condenser mic for iPhone, iPod, iPad.
  - [Laptop Interface](#): converts input from consumer grade equipment to a mic level balanced output
  - [Bluetooth Receiver](#): Stream music and other audio wirelessly
- **YouTube Playlist**
  - Create video playlists for your students - [tutorial](#)
  - Embed on website or share the link
- **Animoto**
  - Sleek & powerful video creation software - Just drag and drop and edit text.
  - Be sure to [sign-up](#) for the **free** educator's account
- **SoundCloud**
  - Build a playlist of concert music - [tutorial](#)
  - Upload rehearsal or concert recordings for your students
  - [Embed](#) a SoundCloud file or playlist on your website or just share the link
- **Google Hangouts**
  - Take a virtual field trip
  - Have a Q&A session with a composer
  - [Google Hangouts Guide for Teachers](#)
  - [Google Hangouts with the U.S. Army Field Band](#)

### IV. Productivity Tools for the Teacher

- **Pocket**
  - [Chrome extension & app](#)
  - Save anything to read later.
- **Print Friendly & PDF**
  - [Chrome extension](#) & [website](#)
  - Cleans-up articles found online to print
  - Eliminates unwanted text and photos from webpages
- **Evernote**
  - [www.evernote.com](http://www.evernote.com)
  - Chrome extension and app
  - Cloud-based virtual file cabinet that is accessible from any computer or device.
  - Create unique tags (names) of everything you upload.
  - 🎵 Keith's music advocacy notebook of articles – [check it out!](#)
- **CloudConvert**
  - [www.cloudconvert.org](http://www.cloudconvert.org)
  - Website & Add-on to Google Drive
  - Converts just about everything to any format (support 211 different file formats)
  - Audio, video, Word, PDF, photo files, and more

