

ReSourceS for E-Learning in Band

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If you teach at a school that has recently instituted *e-learning days*, here's a list of free online resources and tools to design and create learning activities and assignments for your students. In the list below, many have a short video overview or tutorial of how to use it with your students. These tools range anywhere from music theory lessons and exercises to playing videos and composing. **New! There are some detailed how to videos for Flipgrid, how to create a screencast, and a list of online music available for your students.**

Assessments: create playing checks, quizzes, practice assignments, and more.

- **Flipgrid** (students can create short videos for *anything*) - [overview & getting started](#)
 - [the Educator's Guide to Flipgrid](#)
- **Sight Reading Factory** - [overview](#)
 - [free for students during the COVID pandemic - contact support@sightreadingfactory.com](#)
 - [click for demo](#)
- **SmartMusic** - [*free for students during the COVID pandemic](#)
- **MusicFirst** - [*free for students during the COVID pandemic \(scroll down claim\)](#)

Video: present individual/group lessons or create a video.

- **Acapella** - create multi-track videos (i.e. play a duet or trio and record each part yourself)
- **Hangouts Meet** - [cheat sheet](#)
- **Zoom** - video conferencing software [now free](#) for educators during COVID pandemic
 - [best Zoom settings for remote learning](#)
- **Google Duo** - [ideal for one-on-one](#), like private lessons
- **Loom** - record video and screencasts for instruction - [watch how](#)
- **YouTube** - record a video on your device and upload. Can be used with other tools like Flipgrid and EDPuzzle.
- **Virtual Rehearsal** - [how to](#)
- **Virtual Concerts** - see the [list](#)

Composing

- **Noteflight Learn** - [*free for students during the COVID pandemic](#)
- **FLAT** add-on for Google Docs & Slides - [watch overview](#)
 - [full software FREE for educators during COVID pandemic](#)
- **Dorico** - free music notation [software](#)

Tools for Learning

- **EDpuzzle** - make *any* video interactive by embedding questions, prompts, and notes.
 - [overview & getting started](#)

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- **Quizizz** – gamified learning
 - Quizizz in 90 seconds
 - Creating a quiz
 - Sharing to Google Classroom **ideal for assigning as “homework”*
 - Teacher guide
- **ToneSavvy** – ear training and music theory practice
 - **free teacher account if your school is closed due to pandemic*
- **MusicTheory.net**
 - General theory lessons
 - How to create customized exercises for students to complete and submit.

Productivity Tools

- **CloudConvert** – convert anything to almost anything! Great for video, audio, images, and documents. Even converts PDFs to Word docs.
- **Awesome Screenshot** – screen capture tool (and recorder)
- **FlipGrid Tutorials**
 - Overview
 - Setting video moderation
 - Adding a video or to your topic
 - Adding a resource to your topic
 - Adding a rubric to your topic
 - How to view your topics as a student

Online Music

- **OSFABB** – public domain solos, duets, concert music and more
- **The Shed** – guided solo transcriptions
- **Web Rhythms** – percussion play alongs
- **40 Essential Rudiments** – snare drum play alongs and video instruction
- **Easy Music Lesson** – pop music video and music play alongs
- **National Music Museum** – virtual tours

Ideas for online/at-home learning:

- Schedule a *Meet the Composer Interactive Session* with composers from [Excelcia Music Publishing](#) **email them at info@excelsiamusic.com*
- FlipGrid [FlipHunt](#) (aka Scavenger Hunt) – Can be created for just about anything! [What’s a FlipHunt?](#)

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- Assign measures from band music or practice etudes. Students can record their practice and progress on Flipgrid. *Be sure to share practice strategies they can use to improve.*
- Sight Reading Factory exercises customized to key signatures, range, rhythms and overall difficulty. **Teacher subscription needed*
- Watch a performance of the Berlin Philharmonic on the [Digital Concert Hall](#) and write a review.
- Personal reflection of at home practice.
- [Watch Jupiter artist Harry Watters](#) host a daily warm-up livestream, focusing on the fundamentals for brass musicians of all levels. **Begins March 16, 2020 @ 11:00 AM EDT*
- Record a video of improvising on the B flat scale.
- Write out the melody to a common folk song and using FLAT (or any online notation software), have your students create a variation and record on Flipgrid.
- Using EDPuzzle or Quizizz, introduce a new music concept or review one previously learned. With EDPuzzle, create your own video and upload or search from existing ones.
- Give a private or small group lesson online to your students using Google Meet.
- Have students use a tuner and complete an [Intonation Survey](#) - submitted by Adam Gohr