

THE FUTURE OF MUSIC ASSESSMENT

**When it comes to assessing music students online,
we wrote the book. Literally.**

Back in 2002, MusicFirst Director, Dr. Jim Frankel, published his doctoral dissertation titled *An Evaluation of a Web-Based Model of Assessment for the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards in Music* through Teachers College, Columbia University.



*Dr. Jim Frankel
Director, MusicFirst*

Jim's ground-breaking study was the first ever attempt at expanding the capabilities of online assessment, including:

- Recording student performances
- Providing an opportunity for students to upload data artifacts including compositions
- Allowing students to write extended responses to musical performances
- Using standards-based lessons and rubrics to prepare students for statewide assessments

The study showed that online assessment was not only a viable option for large-scale assessment for music students; it also predicted that online assessment would be the norm in the future.

Backed by research and years of experience.

The built-in assessment tools that come standard with the all-new MusicFirst Online Classroom will help all music educators accurately document student progress over the years, providing rich data – not possible with other standardized assessment tools.

Welcome to the future of assessment in music education.



WHAT IF STUDENT ASSESSMENT WAS AS EASY AS A MOUSE CLICK?

MusicFirst takes the hassle out of assessment, so you can stay focused on teaching. Comprehensive testing, grading, and reporting tools are built right in—and grades, scores, and projects follow each student throughout the program.



| Student | Assessment | Score | Grade | Comments |
|------------|------------|-------|-------|----------|
| John A. | Music 101 | 85 | B | |
| Jane B. | Music 101 | 78 | C | |
| Mike C. | Music 101 | 92 | A | |
| Alice D. | Music 101 | 88 | B+ | |
| Bob E. | Music 101 | 75 | C- | |
| Charlie F. | Music 101 | 80 | B- | |
| Diana G. | Music 101 | 90 | A- | |
| Frank H. | Music 101 | 72 | C+ | |
| Grace I. | Music 101 | 83 | B- | |
| Henry J. | Music 101 | 77 | C | |

BUILT-IN TESTING AND ASSESSMENT

MusicFirst is the best way to assess students at any level—from a single class to an entire district. Get up and running quickly with built-in tests, then customize them as you like. And of course, MusicFirst automatically compiles grades, portfolios, and progress reports for every student.



MEETING STANDARDS

We know it's critical for students to meet standards milestones. That's why MusicFirst provides standards-based lessons and tools that help students sail through their assessments.



EXPORT WITH EASE

MusicFirst makes it easy to download your gradebook as a CSV file, so you can open it in Excel and other software applications.



ONLINE GRADEBOOK

It's easy to build an education program that meets your unique goals and vision. Choose from a variety of world-class tools designed specifically for your students.

COMPLETE DIGITAL PORTFOLIO

MusicFirst collects compositions, recordings, written responses, quizzes, and tests in a secure online portfolio that you and your students can review any time. You'll always know exactly where they are in your program—and it's never been easier to share progress with parents.



With **MusicFirst** it's simple to teach, assess and inspire your students in a connected world. More at www.musicfirst.com

