

Recommended Apps for Students

Using apps is a great way to improve some of the music skills students learn during their lessons. Many are free, some require a small fee to purchase, and some are free with in-app purchases available. We will learn about many of these during our lessons and Piano Classes. Here are several from that I recommend. All of these work on Apple devices and many are also available for Android. Most are available for both phone and iPad.

Metronome



Pro Metronome: This is the one I use. I like it because the user can tap their tempo on the screen and the app will set the metronome to that tempo automatically; this is helpful for students who aren't sure how to determine which number to use. There is a free version, which is fine for student use.

Piano Adventures Apps – for students in the Piano Adventures method books



Piano Adventures Player: The Player app is available for each level in the Piano Adventures series (although not currently available for the My First Piano Adventures A B C books). I highly recommend this for any students using these method books. Students can play along with their pieces from any of the PA books. They can hear the left hand part, the right hand part, the backing track, or all three. Tempo is adjustable. It's a great way for students to know if they are learning a piece correctly during their practice time. Three pieces free for each book; purchase all pieces for \$4.99 per book.



Piano Adventures Sightreading Coach: This is an interactive app that requires an invitation from me to you. It takes the place of the sightreading books we previously used. Watch your email for more details.

Note Reading



Note Rush: Hands down, my favorite note reading app. Students play the note they see on the screen, and Note Rush uses the built-in mic in your device to determine if it is the correct response. There are several pre-set levels, and I have also put together several custom levels that students can access by using QR codes. Most of our students in Piano Adventures method books have a set of the QR codes in their binders.



Note Works & Note Works Lite: Another student favorite! Use the pre-set or customized levels. Playful and fun for all ages. Lite version is free; full version \$4.99.

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Flashnote Derby: Another student favorite, geared toward slightly younger students. A fun variety of themes, \$2.99

Rhythm



Rhythm Lab: A very comprehensive app for rhythm drills at any level. \$3.99, iPad only



Rhythm Swing: A fun introduction to rhythm and keeping a steady beat. Geared toward younger students. Free



Rhythm Cat & Rhythm Cat Lite: Lots of fun tapping along to music tracks in different styles and rhythms. Great for all ages and levels. Lite version is free; full version \$4.99.

Ear Training



Ear Cat & Ear Cat Lite: Good for any age and level. Students practice matching the pitches they hear from short melodic examples. Lite version is free; full version \$4.99.



Earpeggio: Geared more toward older students, this app is very comprehensive and helpful in working on the AIM aural skills. Free



Tenuto: Another excellent app, with lots of ear training as well as other theory exercises. Geared a bit toward older students but useful for any level. Very helpful in working on AIM theory skills. \$3.99