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Free Technology Resources For Elementary Music Educators

More elementary music educators have access to technology but also have limited budgets. Burns will share free technology resources that elementary music educators can use as teaching tools and that can enhance their current elementary music curriculum.

For a complete and thorough list, check out <http://amymburns.com/websites>

Amy will show free resources that fall into the following categories:

Websites That List Free Tech Resources:

- www.amymburns.com - Check out this website for free webinars, ebooks, resources, and more!
- www.freetech4teachers.com - Free Technology for Teachers - a great blog written by Richard Byrne.
- <http://www.midnightmusic.com.au/> - Katie Wardrobe's tech tips with video tutorials and online courses
 - <https://midnightmusic.com.au/2017/08/mtt27-best-free-music-tech-resources-2017/> - Best Free Music Tech Resources 2017

Ukulele Resources:

- <https://ukecandoit.ning.com/ukulele-resources/free-resources> - Free ukulele resources
- <https://www.theukulelesite.com/free-resources> - Free ukulele resources and tutorials
- <https://play.riffstation.com/> - Find chords to your favorite songs, change tempo, and more!

Lesson Plans:

- <http://www.musictechteacher.com/> - Karen Garrett's website for her 2nd through 5th grade students who are learning to read, write, compose and publish their music to CD's and the Internet. Student work, pictures and music compositions are on this site. The site is also used to provide music technology links, quizzes, resources and information to all music teachers interested in using technology to enhance music instruction.
- <https://folkways.si.edu/learn> - Lesson plans from Smithsonian Folksway Recordings
- <http://www.sharemylesson.com/> - Free lessons by teachers, for teachers
- <http://www.musick8.com/html/ideareresults.php?redir=y> - Users of Music K8 submitted lesson plan ideas and they are free to be downloaded.
- <http://www.nafme.org/my-music-class/> - Free lesson plans using the previous standards for NAFME members

Assessment

- **Socrative** (<http://www.socrative.com/>) - a free response system for your students where you can create quizzes, tests, assessments, reflections, etc, that they can login and answer from their mobile devices and laptops.
- **Plickers** (www.plickers.com) - Only an iOS device needed! You create a free account, print out the free 20 plicker cards, assign them to the students, and ask them multiple choice or T/F questions. Great for younger students and for exit tickets.
- **Quizlet** (<https://quizlet.com>)
- **Kahoot!** (<https://kahoot.it>)

Recorder Websites:

- **Recorder Express Game** (<http://www.joytunes.com/master>) - Some traditional recorder songs come to life and assess your students' playing abilities. Based on Recorder Express by Artie Almeda.
- **JoyTunes Recorder Master Game** (<http://www.joytunes.com/master/?tok=googleAlfred>)



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- <http://www.themusicinteractive.com> - Welcome to The Music Interactive web site, a place for music games, activities, and Computer Aided Instruction software

Resources:

- <http://funandlearnmusic.com/music-worksheets/> - Many free music worksheets!
- <http://makingmusicfun.net> - To pursue creative excellence in the design of free music resources for elementary music classroom teachers, private music instructors and homeschool parents, for the purpose of building kids up in positive ways and enriching their lives with an appreciation for music and learning.
- <http://www.8notes.com/> - Free sheet music and lessons
- <http://odogy.com/MusicShare/#> - Wow! Check this out for sheet music for recorder. Set the range. Shows the fingering chart. You can print it out, but so nice to project as the fingering chart is interactive.
- <https://laytonmusic.wordpress.com/2007/12/19/rhythm-flashcards/> - Free rhythm flashcards
- <http://michaeldriscollconductor.com/music-literacy-resources/> - Scroll down for flashcards
- <http://www.artiealmeida.com/resources/Statues.pdf> - Great pictures for a movement game like "Statue in the Park" and "Dancing Freeze."
- <http://artiealmeida.com/teacher-resources/teacher-downloads> - Artie lists amazing teaching resources and manipulatives that go along with her materials!
- <http://www.wisewolfactory.com/BookaDay/PDFs/2013/01/free-carnival-of-the-animals.pdf> - Love this free downloadable pictures and ideas for Saint-Saëns's Carnival of the Animals to use with early childhood.
- <http://www.classools.net/random-name-picker/> - Random name picker
- **Kodály Song Banks:** <http://mysongfile.com/index> - Miriam, a music educator in Australia, created this Kodály-inspired website where you can cross-reference numerous songs by rhythms, melodic elements, forms, games, themes, canons in 2-4 parts, songs in parts and more.
- **Kodály Song Bank:** <http://kodaly.hnu.edu>
- **Kodály Song Bank:** <http://kodaly-songweb.net>

Music Creation:

- **Soundtrap EDU** (<https://www.soundtrap.com>)
- **Audacity** - <http://www.audacityteam.org/>
- **Twisted Wave** - <https://twistedwave.com/> - TwistedWave is an audio editor for MAC, iOS, and online uses.
- <http://www.incredibox.com> - Have your students easily create their own beat-boxing acapella group!
- <http://buttonbass.com> - Similar to incredibox as your students can easily create music with cubes.
- <http://bobbymcferrin.com/dont-worry-be-happy-song/> - rearrange Bobby's song

Videos:

- <https://www.pequenomozart.com/partituras-y-canciones/> - Pequeño Mozart's amazing play-along rhythm and boomwhacker videos.
- **Mario Brothers Rhythm Patterns** - rhythms involve quarter notes, quarter rests, and eighth notes. *It doesn't match up as well as I would like it.*
- **Minions, rhythms, and Banana Song** - Students will love it, but the minion punches the other minion at the end of the song. I took iMovie and cut that out so that the students did not see that part. Here is the video so you can download it and use it in your music classroom: [Minion Rhythms 1st grade.mov](#)

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- **List of Youtube Instrument Videos on Google Docs** (<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-b5mQ8qS5K41b3vJClALwWYzrRqZa7M3HXFG8b8ZFPQ/copy>) - Impressive list by Megan Iemma
- **Tour the States** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E2CNZIIIVIg>) - Great video about the 50 states and capitals. If you are trying to have your students perform with the video, here is a **slower version of the video** (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0AjkYi0Ib1GNzNNTHpJeTdxRGM/view>).
- **Cherie Herring's Movement to the Form of Star Wars Video (with parachute)** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8ni7TT2wME>
- **Dr. Robert Amchin** (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXggSi0jewFDZheCjpnG-Nw/playlists?shelf_id=0&sort=dd&view=1) - Dr. Amchin is known on TPT and through AOSA, as well as a musical treasure in Kentucky. His youtube page is worth gold. Check out the videos from introducing Orff to numerous movement and folk videos!
- **Anthony Meehl's Music Classroom** (<https://www.youtube.com/user/MrMeehlsMusicClass>) - Anthony's youtube page is also worth gold. You can view numerous elementary music activities performed daily in his music classroom.
- <http://www.safeshare.tv> and <http://www.viewpure.com> - View Youtube videos with no advertisements, no comments, and a clean background!
- safeyoutube.net - View Youtube videos without advertisements and comments without having to create an account.
- Add Youtube Videos to Your GoNoodle Account! - <http://support.gonoodle.com/article/190-adding-your-own-youtube-videos-to-gonoodle>

Curriculum:

- Augusta County Public Schools Elementary Music Curriculum Guide - <http://www.augusta.k12.va.us/Page/396>
- School District of Osceola County Elementary Music Curriculum Framework -
- <http://www.sharemylesson.com/teaching-resource/Music-Curriculum-6191215/> - This resource details the various areas of the elementary school music curriculum. Aligned to Common Core State Standards: SL.K.1, SL.1.1, SL.2.1 - this is from sharemylesson.com. You will need to create an account to download lessons.
- <http://www.carnegiehall.org/toolbox/> - The Music Educators Toolbox is a collection of free, open-source learning resources and assessment tools created for classroom use by music teachers and Carnegie Hall teaching artists.

Digital Portfolios:

- **Seesaw** (web.seesaw.me) – This is a game changer for the music classroom. The students can post their works through pictures, video, audio, links, posts, reflections, and more. The parents will receive notifications on their devices every time their child posts. The teacher can also assign activities to assess the students' progress.
- **Class Dojo** (classdojo.com) – Similar to Seesaw, but with a behavior aspect added in.

For a free month of Seesaw Plus:

