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In an era when music and arts education is being cut from schools, many **parents are looking for ways to fill in the gaps**. Private music lessons are nice, but not everyone can afford them, and hardly anyone has time to cart kids to yet another scheduled activity.

One tool is technology. There are so many apps and digital enrichment programs that finding the right one can quickly become overwhelming. To help, we've collected some of our **favorite music apps** to get started. (Also, check out our [digital arts apps](#).)

These are listed by the youngest appropriate age group, but many will also engage older children and even adults. (Add in your favorites in the comments!)

Preschool

There are several apps that help preschoolers recognize a variety of **musical instruments and sounds**. After 15 minutes with one of these apps, my 4-year-old spent the rest of the day calling out the names of instruments she recognized in songs on the radio.



1. **Meet the Orchestra**. \$1.99, iOS



2. **Animal Orchestra**. FREE, Android



3. **Sound Recall** is a fun game that uses colored shapes to teach players of all ages to recognize notes and memorize sequences in pitch order. \$0.99, iOS

Elementary

Grade school students, or anyone who is just beginning to learn to read music, can practice **reading sheet music** with these apps.



4. Notable. FREE, iOS



5. Sheet Music Trainer. FREE, Android.

Tween/Teen



6. Perfect Pitch Trainer is like Sound Recall in that it teaches users how to recognize notes, but for an older audience. FREE, Android.

For motivated teens, an **instrumental instruction apps** can be a great way to try out a new instrument or even achieve proficiency. Piano and guitar apps are most common, but the variety of instruments available is always growing.



7. Piano Lesson. FREE, iOS



8. Beginner Guitar Songs. FREE, iOS



9. Piano Instructor. FREE, Android



10. Learn to Play Guitar. \$1.62, Android

There is even an app that teaches students **how to tune their violin.**



11. Tuner and Violin Sheet Music. FREE, Android

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