

# MusicFirst Vendor FAQ

Vendor Name: MusicFirst

Product Name: Fine Arts Assessments by MusicFirst

Question	Answers
<p><b>What grades are covered?</b></p>	<p>Kinder through 12 Music, Visual Arts, Theatre Arts, and Dance</p>
<p><b>Is there a pre/post-test?</b></p>	<p>Yes. Fine Arts Assessments by MusicFirst can be used for Pre-test/Post-test Option 2 and provides TEKS-based predesigned assessments. Since Fine Arts TEKS are generally much broader and often applicable to multiple courses than the TEKS of general academic subject areas, we strive to work with district personnel to create custom assessments emphasizing specific, prioritized student learning goals resulting in authentic assessments for each course.</p>
<p><b>What is Fine Arts Assessments by MusicFirst?</b></p>	<p>MusicFirst was built by music educators for music educators, dedicated to helping teachers and their students make the most of technology in the classroom.</p> <p>While the instructional tools of the MusicFirst Classroom are music specific, the powerful and versatile assessment platform and tools in Fine Arts Assessments by MusicFirst are being used for K through 12 music, visual arts, theatre arts and dance.</p> <p>Our team, led by Dr. Keith Dye, former Texas Tech University Academic Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts and his wife, Mrs. Heidi Dye, former head principle of a fine arts magnet school, consult with district leadership to create authentic TEKS -based assessments reflective of district instructional priorities.</p> <p>Specifically for music performance assessment, the Music First LMS is integrated with multiple cloud-based music performance assessment software tools.</p> <p>Fine Arts Assessments by MusicFirst is accessible through all properly updated internet-connected devices.</p>

<p><b>What was Fine Arts Assessments by MusicFirst designed to do?</b></p>	<p>MusicFirst is a user friendly LMS that integrates specific cloud-based music instructional and assessment software tools. It contains thousands of pieces of pre-made and editable instructional and assessment content.</p> <p>Fine Arts Assessments by MusicFirst works closely with Fine Arts Directors, Fine Arts Faculty, and District Curriculum Leadership to developing authentic assessment instruments for ALL performing and visual arts.</p> <p>Again, since Fine Arts TEKS are generally much broader than traditionally tested academic areas and often applicable to multiple courses, we always work closely with district personnel to create custom assessments emphasizing specific, prioritized student learning goals for each course assessment.</p>
<p><b>How can I use Fine Arts Assessments by MusicFirst?</b></p>	<p>Fine Arts Assessments by MusicFirst can be used for qualitative assessment in Music, Visual Arts, Theatre Arts, and Dance. If desired, the addition of music assessment performance software tools it can be used for quantitative assessment of student musical performance.</p>
<p><b>Does Fine Arts Assessments by MusicFirst provide expected growth targets for students? Yes/No Answer</b></p>	<p>No. However, teachers and administrators can reference student score reports and assessment analysis at the beginning and end of a school year as a crucial part of determining appropriate growth targets for teachers and their students.</p>
<p><b>How can districts use (Insert assessment) to determine end-of-year student growth for purposes of TIA?</b></p>	<p>Fine Arts Assessments by MusicFirst provides qualitative data via pre-test/post-test administration of both individual student musical knowledge and/or performance skills. It can also serve as a highly streamlined portfolio of individual student knowledge and/or performance skills.</p> <p>For TIA specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning of year assessment for baseline data in year one of TIA implementation</li> <li>• End-of-year assessment to measure student annual growth</li> <li>• Use of end-of-year data for subsequent year’s baseline data after year one of TIA</li> </ul>
<p><b>What types of data reporting capabilities are included with Fine Arts Assessments by MusicFirst?</b></p>	<p>Individual and group assessment of knowledge and/or skills results can be viewed within the platform and downloaded in Excel .CSV format. It also provides instant analysis of class and individual assessment results. Fine Arts Assessments by MusicFirst shares both raw score reports with all essential TIA reporting data as well as individual assessment analysis for each assessment administered.</p>
<p><b>What outcomes studies have been done on Fine Arts Assessments by MusicFirst’s efficacy of the tools used and outcomes for student growth/performance?</b></p>	<p>No formal outcome studies are available at this time. However over 100 Texas districts are currently successfully using Fine Arts Assessments by MusicFirst for TIA purposes to document student growth in K through 12 music, visual arts, theatre arts, and dance.</p>

For more information on this resource please refer to the vendor website and reach out to a representative.

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