

Online & Distance Learning Education Solutions *with* **TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE & STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE**

The **TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE** and **STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE Comprehensive Band Methods** offer a myriad of ways to enhance online and distance learning education. Here are a few easy strategies:

Composer & Multicultural Studies

- Have students examine the detailed bylines included in **STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE** and **TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE**. Ask them to respond to specific questions about the information, or create more open-ended assignments—e.g., composer bio reports or papers on specific historical periods or geographic regions.
- Many exercises in the **Kjos IPS** app* for **TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE** include online interdisciplinary and multicultural enrichments—indicated by yellow stars. Ask students to explore that material, then provide feedback in written form. You might even ask them to explore topics in greater depth to create term-paper type projects.

Written Assessment

- Scan and distribute the quizzes and plethora of other duplicable worksheets and handouts included in the **STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE** and **TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE** Conductor Scores. Have students complete these materials, then return them to you as scans or screenshots for grading and inclusion in their digital portfolios.
- Create music vocabulary quizzes for students that may be completed as open book tests or oral quizzes in visual classroom settings. Students can prepare for these quizzes by using the Flashcard feature in the **IPS**.

Instrument Performance Skill Development

- Use the **IPS** to give students at-home ensemble performance experience. Have students listen to and practice each line in **STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE** or **TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE** with the fully orchestrated accompaniments available in the app. Students can analyze their part performed by a professional musician, then play along. Tempo adjustment and looping features allow for effective practice. Private lessons offer even more listening and practice opportunities.
- Assign chamber ensemble and band arrangement play-alongs as part of lessons to give students the feeling of being a valued member of a band.
- Hold virtual studio classes by having students perform the solos with piano accompaniment for other members of their section to critique. You might even bring in a teaching artist as a clinician. Eventually, create opportunities for evening recitals that can be attended by friends and family members alike—including fellowship opportunities.
- If using the **IPS** with **TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE**, have students watch the instrument-specific videos included throughout each book. Have them then write a summary of what they learned. Students can email their reports to you for a grade. They might also record and submit short videos demonstrating what they learned. For even more specific video assistance, **TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE, Book 1, Line-by-Line Instructional Videos** are available for the most popular beginning instruments

Performance Assessment

- Have students use the **IPS** Recording Studio to document their performances of the **STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE** medal lines or **TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE** TEST lines, then use the in-app email feature to send you their recordings. Base grades not only on proficiency, but on the tempo chosen for performance—full performance tempo offering the highest possible grade.
- If using the **IPS** with **TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE**, have students complete the TEST REFLECTION pdf document included with each TEST line for at-home self-assessment. Students can tap the pdf icon next to the exercise in the **IPS**, complete the questions, then return the document to you via email or text.

Want to get started using the **IPS? Instructions are included on the inside front or back cover of your printed method book. If your book doesn't include **IPS** access, or you or your students don't have a printed book, download the **Kjos IPS** app in the **App Store** or **Google Play** on your mobile device to purchase books directly, or contact email@kjos.com for classroom purchase options.*

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