This year, our orchestra has activated a group membership to an online music composition program called Noteflight. Noteflight allows you to compose music with professional results right in your internet browser without the need for expensive music notation software. I hope that you will enjoy the chance to compose, print and share your own musical ideas.

Our group will have access to Noteflight through our Charms Office membership. All Denton ISD middle school and high school orchestra programs use the Charms program for many tasks, including financial record keeping, storing parent/student contact information and group email communication. Our students and parents use the site to view payments, forms and keep contact information up to date. You will begin using the Charms website more often as you enter middle school orchestra.

To access Noteflight, follow these steps:

1. Go to www.charmsoffice.com
2. Under Enter/Login click “Parents/Students/Members”
3. Our school code is rcmsorch
4. You password is you Denton ISD student ID number. If you do not know this, Ms. Harvey can look it up for you.
5. In the bottom row of icons, click “Noteflight”
6. To begin your first piece, click “new score”
7. When you create your first score, you can compose a piece for an entire orchestra or just one instrument. If you would like to compose for multiple instruments you can click “string quartet” or “string orchestra.”
8. If you would like to compose for just one instrument click on “treble clef” or “bass clef.” Viola players—click “treble clef” then as soon as the document opens, click “staff” in the upper right corner, then “change clef” then click on the 3rd choice, which is the alto clef.
9. When you are done with a piece, if you want your friends in orchestra to be able to see it, click “sharing” then under who can access this score, click “all site members.” This gives every member of Ms. Harvey’s orchestra program (Hawk, Nelson and Crowover orchestra students) the ability to view your piece. You can also choose if you want others to only be able to view your piece, or also to be able to make comments on it.
10. If you would like to view the pieces of other students, on our noteflight home page under “scores” click browse. Any scores from students in our organization will show up.
11. As you compose, visit the user guide and help videos to help you along the way.
12. Have fun creating your own music!