



## Free Music Composition Software for Fernbrook Students



If you have a home computer connected to the Internet, it would be helpful if students downloaded the program, “Finale Notepad.” It is a free program from the makers of “Finale.” It is a *wonderful* piece of music notation software. Students can compose their own music and immediately play back what they have written!

**Fernbrook utilizes the same downloaded program.** It is a 30 MB program. To date, we have never had any virus issues with this download.

If you choose to download the composition software to your home computer, please download **Finale NotePad 2006** (*not 2007 or 2008*). We currently have Finale NotePad 2006 at Fernbrook. By downloading Finale NotePad 2006, students will be able to access their school work from home and vice versa (through their *Gaggenet* account, or by using their own mini-drives.) If you choose to download Finale NotePad 2007 or 2008, it will not be compatible with Fernbrook computers. Incompatibility could potentially lead to frustration for students who wish to work both at home and at school. If you do not wish to download the program from the Internet, Mrs. Haugo has Finale Notepad 2006 available for checkout in the Media Center (Windows format).

### Before Downloading at Home

- Students, do not attempt this without adult supervision.
- Use a parent's e-mail address. It needs to be an accessible, working e-mail account.

Once on the website, you will be asked to create an account. *Finale* will e-mail a pass code to the e-mail address that you provide for them. You need this pass code to unlock the software on your computer.

### Instructions for Downloading “Finale NotePad 2006”

Use this link: <http://finalemusic.com/store/search.aspx>

Put in the following information on the screen:

Product: **NotePad**

Version: **Any**

Platform: (*choose which ever one fits your computer*)

Category: **Any**

Download Name: **2006**

Sort by: **Date**

Begin download.

Finale will e-mail a pass code to your account. When you boot the program for the first time, you will need this pass code to unlock the software on your computer. Open the program, and **HAVE LOTS OF FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**