Devices: Computer vs. Mobile Device
Zoom will work on both computers (desktop and laptop) and mobile devices, but it is strongly recommended that you use a computer for music instruction/performance, specifically with a hard-wired ethernet connection (as opposed to WiFi). A stable internet connection will ensure both quality audio and video over Zoom. If using a mobile device (such as phone or tablet), make sure you are using WiFi service (not cellular). Using Zoom on a computer will also allow you to use Advanced Audio settings (see below).

Zoom Audio Settings
• If you have not done so already, make sure you have Zoom downloaded on your computer or mobile device. Visit https://zoom.us and follow the instructions for signing up and downloading.
  o Open the Zoom app on your computer and go to “Settings/Preferences.”
  o Click “Audio,” then click on the “Advanced” button on the bottom of the window. Under “Audio Processing” set the following options to “Disable”:
    -- Suppress Persistent Background Noise
    -- Suppress Intermittent Background Noise
  o Click the check box next to “Show in-meeting option to Enable Original Sound from Microphone”
  o When in a meeting (lesson or recital performance), there will be an option in the top left corner of the screen to either “Turn on Original Sound” or “Turn Off Original Sound.” Turn Original Sound ON.
• Make sure you always have the most current version of Zoom, i.e., if prompted to update to a new version, please do so.

Coming soon to Zoom: Professional Music Mode
Zoom has recently announced that at some point either at the end of August or September, there will be a Professional Music Mode available via Zoom’s Advanced Audio Settings. These settings will allow you to disable echo cancellation and post-processing and get rid of compression. Please note: this mode will require a professional audio interface (if you do not have an external microphone), microphone, and headphones to allow you to offer high-quality private lessons (see below). When this mode is officially released, we will let you all know, and update this guide with more specific instructions.

Microphones and Headphones
While purchasing and using a quality microphone and headphones is not required for participation in the Prep School, it is highly recommended that students acquire these items, as they will vastly improve the quality of instruction. Here are some suggestions:

• External Microphones
  o There are several affordable options of external microphones on the market that students can easily use for Zoom lessons, as well as future applications such as recording for competitions and college auditions. Each of these microphones have a USB connection for desktop and laptop computers. These are just starting points, there are many options available through online retailers that are easy to set up, meet different price points, and will provide quality sound.
    ▪ Blue Snowball (https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B014PYGTUQ/ref=as_li_qf_asin_il_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=mindmusi-20&creative=9325&linkCode=as2&creativeASIN=B014PYGTUQ&linkId=6d968cbbc8ae21ac0db5d53c15f60d2b)
    ▪ USB Microphone, Fifine Metal Condenser Recording Microphone for Laptop MAC or Windows Cardioid Studio Recording Vocals, Voice Overs, Streaming Broadcast and YouTube Videos-K669B
Headphones

- Headphones will help provide the student with much clearer audio than their computer/device speakers. **These suggestions are just starting points, and like microphones, there are many options available through online retailers meeting different price points. To start, any set of earbuds or headphones you might already have would be a vast improvement over your computer/device’s speakers.**
  - **Mpow H7 Bluetooth Headphones**
    - [Link](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07C48ZYXR/ref=as_li_qf_asin_il_tl?ie=UTF8&tag=contrabaconve-20&creative=9325&linkCode=as2&creativeASIN=B07C48ZYXR&linkId=29fe4a4c689c85ad8d1d587abd4262eb)
  - **AKG Noise Cancelling Headphones N60NC Wireless Bluetooth**
    - [Link](https://www.amazon.com/AKG-Noise-Cancelling-Headphones-Wireless-Bluetooth/dp/B0721KKLB4/ref=as_li_ss_tl?keywords=akg+n60+noise+cancelling+headphones&qid=1585162028&sr=8-2&linkCode=sl1&tag=stringletter-20&linkId=3a7afec3ff7b0d63f1dfdb76c71d0c61&language=en_US)

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**Submitting Recordings to Canvas**

You may be asked by your instructor to submit a recording of yourself to Canvas. **Please note: recordings submitted to instructors as assignments must ONLY be done via Canvas, NOT through e-mail, Google Drive, or similar.** Your teacher will create an assignment that will appear on your course landing page. From there, you will click the assignment, click “Submit Assignment” and you will then be prompted to upload your recording file. See screen shots below.
Student Recording

Due: No Due Date  Points: 0
Submitting: a media recording or a file upload

Submit your recording

File Upload  Media  Box

Upload the file you've already uploaded.

Choose File  No file chosen

Add Another File

Comments...

Cancel  Submit Assignment