



## Audio Creation Tools


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Elementary

**NOTE:** This icon means the Web site has no age restrictions, and the tool is appropriate for younger students. Other tools may be appropriate for elementary grade use with the teacher's facilitation.

### Audio Creation and Editing

Name	URL	Strengths	Weaknesses/ Considerations	Ad-Free	Student Privacy Maintained	Educator Version Available	Available for All Ages	Does Not Require Student E-mail
<b>Audacity*</b> 	<a href="http://audacity.sourceforge.net">http://audacity.sourceforge.net</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy to record and edit files.</li> <li>• Can cut, copy, splice, or mix sounds together.</li> <li>• Can change recording speed and pitch.</li> <li>• Can create multitrack recordings.</li> <li>• Level meters can monitor volume levels.</li> <li>• Provides noise-canceling and other effects.</li> <li>• Free software developed by a group of</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must download software, but available for most platforms.</li> <li>• Must install a special add-in to export MP3 files.</li> </ul>		✓		✓  Must be installed by user with Admin. rights.	✓

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		volunteers and distributed under the <a href="#">GNU General Public License (GPL)</a> . • Available in 26 languages.						
<b>Aviary*</b>	<a href="http://aviary.com/tools/audio-editor">http://aviary.com/tools/audio-editor</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A suite of powerful creative applications for graphics, including an audio editor.</li> <li>• Can remix multiple music tracks and audio clips, apply sound effects, and record and edit sound files.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Powerful” can also mean complicated and complex.</li> <li>• Not for novice users.</li> </ul>	✓	✓ Can select how artwork will be shared.		Must be at least 13 years old unless supervised by parents or guardian. Under 18 may only use the site with the consent of a guardian.	
<b>Kisstunes*</b> 	<a href="http://www.kisstunes.com">www.kisstunes.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can create notes using a computer keyboard.</li> <li>• Choose an electric piano, acoustic grand piano, steel guitar, Kalimba, or drums combo.</li> <li>• Comments can be left by visitors.</li> <li>• Can play and record without registration, but must register to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tunes created can be accessed by anyone through the music library, or if saved for private use, through the tune's URL.</li> </ul>		✓		✓	

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<b>Vocaroo*</b> 	<a href="http://vocaroo.com">http://vocaroo.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy voice recording. Simply click <i>Record</i> and <i>Stop</i>, and then note where you want the audio file to be sent—e-mail or posted to the Web.</li> <li>• No limit on audio length.</li> <li>• Can be saved as an audio file through a link in a sent message.</li> <li>• No registration necessary, but is available to access past recordings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audio files/messages cannot be deleted except by contacting the company.</li> </ul>	✓	✓		✓	✓  Only required if product is registered.
<b>Zamzar*</b>	<a href="http://www.zamzar.com">www.zamzar.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides quick conversion of audio (and other) file formats.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E-mail address needed to receive link to download the new file.</li> <li>• Must download converted file within 24 hours—after which time it will be deleted from the server.</li> </ul>		✓		✓	

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## Podcasting

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<b>iTunes*: Making a Podcast</b>	<a href="http://www.apple.com/itunes/podcasts/specs.html">www.apple.com/itunes/podcasts/specs.html</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best known interface with which to subscribe to video and audio podcasts.</li> <li>• No limits to size or length of audio podcasts because iTunes simply copies the location of an audio feed (URL) to subscribers' iTunes libraries.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free software needs to be installed on the computer submitting a podcast to the iTunes store and on subscribers' computers.</li> <li>• All episodes in a podcast must be available in .m4v, .mp4, or .mov video file formats.</li> <li>• Does not host audio files.</li> <li>• Only supports subscriptions to podcasts.</li> </ul>	✓	✓		Must be at least 13 years old.	
<b>Podomatic*</b>	<a href="http://www.podomatic.com/user/create">www.podomatic.com/user/create</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic free account provides podcast publication tools.</li> <li>• 500 MB of free storage.</li> <li>• 15 GB of bandwidth per month.</li> <li>• Ability to share podcasts.</li> </ul>					Must be at least 13 years old.	

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<b>Skype*</b>  <b>CallGraph*</b>  <b>MP3 Skype Recorder*</b>	<a href="http://www.skype.com">www.skype.com</a>  <a href="https://callgraph.biz">https://callgraph.biz</a>  <a href="http://voipcallrecording.com">http://voipcallrecording.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can be used to record conversations for podcasts with additional plug-ins.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requires download and installation of software.</li> <li>Students must be informed to not put personal information in their public user profile and to update settings so only their identified contacts can contact them.</li> </ul>	✓	✓		✓	

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VoiceThread*	<a href="http://voicethread.com/#home">http://voicethread.com/#home</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can participate in a conversation around a visual item by leaving comments using voice (with a microphone or telephone), text, audio file, or video (via a webcam).</li> <li>• VoiceThreads can be embedded to show and receive comments on other Web sites and exported to MP3 players or DVDs to play as archival movies.</li> <li>• Free version offers 250 MB storage and up to 50 VoiceThreads.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designed to talk about and view a specific piece of work (presentation, picture, doodle)—not a standalone conversation tool.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓ Designed for education.	Must be at least 13 years old.	No e-mails needed in paid version.

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