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Sometimes it can feel overwhelming beginning to incorporate technology into music lessons.

What if you could just start with using your cell phone?

Below are my top 5 ways to use your cell phone (in a professional manner).

1) Help with songs

- Video/pictures: hand positions, new sections of the song, rote learning (reminder video).
- Audio: Student listens back to their playing before telling you what went well & what needs improvement.
- YouTube: compare different versions, figure out a song by ear, use a tutorial, etc.
- Look up musical terms that the student doesn't know

Pro Tip Get students to use their own devices if it is for use during practice. This eliminates the need to transfer videos, pictures, audio, etc.

2) Texting using an email

- Have students & their parents enter your email address in their contact information. They will be able text you using your email instead of cell number.
- Students can text you during the week if they are struggling with something rather than waiting for their parents to contact you.
- Parents tend to respond faster to texts than emails.

Travel Teacher Tip

Be sure your clients have your cell number.
No one wants to arrive at a home to find a sick child.
Let your clients know to call your cell if it is close to lesson time.

3) Online Storage

- Google Drive, OneNote & Evernote all have apps that work on a cell.
- Keep documents you use often stored in your online storage so they are on hand when you need them. No more spending lesson time searching for anything!

Travel Teacher Tip

Imagine your online storage IS your office. Sheet music, technical exercises, pictures/videos/audio for students, etc. can ALL be stored here so they can be sent immediately to clients.
No more dragging a heavy travel bag from home to home!

4) To-Do List app

- Post-Its & paper are great, but how often do they get lost?
- Use an app to track your to-do list so nothing gets lost again.
- **Option:** The native to-do list app that comes with your phone (*i.e. Notes, Reminders, etc.*) or Google Keep.

Travel Teacher Tip

This is a MUST to keep your travel bag light & organized! Having your to-list always with you means you can add studio related errands to your travel route as needed. (*i.e. purchasing music after teaching your last class*)

5) Social Media

- Take pictures & videos of students during lesson time. (*Ensure you have written parent permission first.*)
- After lessons, directly upload pictures & videos to your studio social media channels (*i.e. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.*).
- Encourage parents to follow your social media channels so they have regular bragging points throughout the year!

For more ideas on how to incorporate tech into your studio, visit [The Unfinished Lesson!](http://TheUnfinishedLesson.com)