

Industry Standard Software

Many software programs are available directly from the Internet when purchasing an education version or multi-pack. Demo versions of most software are also available on the Internet, with early versions often made available free of charge. Using a demo version is an excellent way to discover if the software meets the needs of students and teachers, and allows for the assessment of the computer's ability to handle the requirements needed to utilize the full power of the software such as speed, memory, sound card, etc. This is especially true for recording digital audio and digital video. Reviews of appropriate software are regularly published in a variety of computer and trade magazines.

Use of industry standard software is encouraged. Selection of a particular application should consider:

- existing hardware and upgrade path
- cross-platform capability
- instructor training requirements
- time spent on student skill development versus curricular intent
- cross-curriculum applicability
- general flexibility and utility
- cost and affordability

Software is constantly changing and evolving, with levels of difficulty ranging from entry to professional. The chart of industry standard software called *Suggested Drama Software for Grades 8 to 10* provides examples of software produced by companies that have been active in the video/audio software field for some time. In some cases, only the family of software is mentioned, leaving the choice of levels up to the instructor. In many cases, the software might fit into more than one category e.g., iMovie and Casablanca can provide enough versatility for most classes in video production, while Final Cut Pro, Adobe Premiere, Avid, Pinnacle systems can be used jointly with software in all categories. Most of the titles listed include teaching aids and help menus in the form of Internet access on-line help and tutorials, CD-ROMs, books, and user groups. Inclusion in this list does not constitute recommended status or endorsement of the product.

Suggested Drama Software for Grades 8 to 10

Software/Hardware Platforms

- IBM – integrated
- Apple – integrated
- Casablanca – complete stand-alone editing system not compatible with other systems or software

Post-production Software

- Final Cut Pro – editing
- iMovie – editing
- Adobe Premier – editing
- Pinnacle – editing

- Adobe After Effects – editing enhancement
- Morph – editing enhancement
- Boris – editing enhancement

→ Photoshop - image manipulation

→ Illustrator - paint/draw

3D Animation Software

→ Morph

Internet Publishing Software

→ Dreamweaver