

Sibelius 6 Student and Sibelius 6 comparison

- **Sibelius 6 Student** is designed for secondary/high school students to use at home, rather than for classroom use or for teachers. It has everything most students need for homework.
- **Sibelius 6** does more than Sibelius Student, and is designed for schools, teachers, universities, colleges, university/college students, and professionals. Educational discounts, 5-packs and site licenses are available at competitive prices.
- Here is a comprehensive table of the differences between the two programs. (Features which are the same in both are not listed.)

General features	Sibelius Student	Sibelius 6
Who's it for?	School students at home	Schools, teachers, universities, colleges, university/college students, professionals
What's it for?	Homework, composing, arranging	Teaching, learning, creating worksheets & exercises, composing, arranging
Types of music:	Simple/moderate music of up to 12 staves	Scores & parts of any size or complexity; worksheets & exercises
Available as:	Single copy only	Single copy (educational discount available), 5-pack, site license, network license
No. of computers you can install a single copy on:	1	2 (for use by same person, e.g. desktop + laptop)
User guide:	Short on-screen guide (163 pages) plus 24-page printed installation guide	Full (732 pages), on-screen only for educational copies
Technical help:	Limited	By phone, email, fax & web site

Notations	Sibelius Student	Sibelius 6
Accidentals	Normal & double only	Normal, double, quarter-tones, bracketed
Articulations	Common ones only	Full set
Bar numbers	At start of system only; can't restart bar numbering	Range of formats
Barline types	Single, double, repeat only	Single, double, repeat, dotted, early music
Bars, irregular	No, except pick-up bars	✓
Beams, cross-staff (in keyboard music)	✗	✓
Beam/rest groupings	Fixed	Customizable
Brackets & braces	Fixed	Customizable
Change transposition of transposing instruments	✗	✓
Change transposition of transposing instruments	✗	✓
Cue (small) notes	✗	✓
Dotted notes	Single dot only	Single / double / triple dotted
Guitar chord diagrams	✗	✓
Guitar scale diagrams	✗	✓
Guitar tab	Basic only	Full
Instruments	Common instruments only, with fixed number of staves	Full customizable range

Jazz articulations	X	✓
Lines, custom	X	✓
Multi-arc slurs	X	✓
Multirests (required in parts)	X	✓
Note values	32nd (demisemiquaver) to whole note (semibreve)	512th note (7 beams) to "long" (double breve)
Noteheads, custom	X	✓
Ossia staves	X	✓
Page numbers	Automatic	Customizable
Repeat bars	Automatic numbering	Customizable
Slurs	Default appearance, manual adjustment only	Fully customizable
Special symbols	X	✓
Staves	Up to 12 per system	Unlimited number
Tuplets	Duplets (2:3) to nontuplets (9:8)	Any (e.g. 2, 7, 44:31, nested tuplets)

Playback	Sibelius Student	Sibelius 6
Create audio files & CDs	X	✓
Edit MIDI data	X	✓
Built-in sounds	Limited - included GM soundbank	Full range of high-quality sounds in Sibelius Sounds Essentials
Live Tempo (conduct playback by tapping)	Limited - playback only	Record, edit, clear and playback Live Tempo
Playback markings on specified repeats	X	✓
Playback of hairpins, rits & accel	Fixed	Adjustable
Playback of fermatas	Fixed	Adjustable
Words which affect playback (e.g. legato)	Fixed	Editable

Utilities	Sibelius Student	Sibelius 6
Arrange - automatic arranging & orchestration	X	✓
Auto page breaks	X	✓
Copy and paste to Word and other programs	X	✓
Display timecode	Single format	Customizable format
Display duration of score	X	✓
Dynamic parts	X	✓
Edit word menus	X	✓
Explode & reduce	X	✓
Filters (for editing similar objects)	X	✓
Find	X	✓
Focus on staves	X	✓
Graphics export (for e.g. creating worksheets)	X	✓
Hide markings	X	✓

Highlight music	X	✓
Ideas Hub	Limited to 300 presets	Capture and re-use ideas
Join scores together	X	✓
Keyboard shortcuts	Fixed	Customizable
Menus	Fixed	Customizable
Note input options (various)	X	✓
Paper & desk textures	Limited to 6	Over 60
Part extraction	X	✓
Paste As Cue	X	✓
Plug-ins (over 130 of them)	X	✓
Properties window (to edit individual objects)	Limited	Full
Reinput pitches of existing notes	X	✓
Rulers	X	✓
Scanning printed music	X	✓
Swap voices	X	✓
Transcribe single-line acoustic instrument	X	✓
Undo/Redo history	X	✓
Versions	Save, view and print only	Save, export, edit, delete, comment , compare and create log
Viewing options for page margins, note colors, full screen, etc.	X	✓

Publishing	Sibelius Student	Sibelius 6
Advanced layout features	X	✓
Auto layout options	X	✓
Edit fonts	Limited	Full
Edit staff types	X	✓
Edit text styles	X	✓
Engraving rules, edit hundreds of	X	✓
House Style import/export	Import only	✓
Manuscript papers (preset score layouts)	Few; can't create your own	Many; can create your own
Note spacing rules	Fixed	Customizable
Reset position/design of objects	X	✓
Set default object positions	X	✓
Staff spacing	Manual adjustment only	✓