

Calculator Guidance for High School Mathematics Tests

RECOMMENDED CALCULATORS

Calculators are important instructional tools that are allowable – but not required – for students to use while taking state tests. For students taking the computer-based tests, the test’s technology platform will provide a calculator for students to use on the tests. The exact calculator for each online assessment is available for use during instruction in the [Student Practice Resources- Mathematics](#) on the Ohio’s State Test Portal. Students may use handheld calculators for either the computer-based or paper-based test formats. Schools may permit students to bring their own handheld devices for test purposes.

For students who wish to use calculators for the high school tests, the Ohio Department of Education recommends graphing calculators – although students may use calculators with lower functionality. Schools should give students opportunities to become familiar with the calculators they choose before the tests.

Examples of **recommended** graphing calculators include, but are **not** limited to:

Casio	Texas Instruments	
fx-9750GII	TI-73 Explorer	TI-NSpire
fx-9860GII	TI-83 Plus	TI-NSpire CX
fx-CG10 PRIZM	TI-84 Plus - Series	

**Graphing calculators absent from this list are not automatically prohibited.*

PROHIBITED GRAPHING CALCULATOR FUNCTIONS AND FEATURES

Schools must **not** allow graphing calculators that meet these descriptions:

- Calculators with Computer Algebra System (CAS) features;
- Tablet, laptop, personal digital assistants (PDAs) or phone-based calculators;
- Calculators with “QWERTY” keyboards.

EXAMPLES OF ALLOWABLE SCIENTIFIC CALCULATORS

Examples of **allowable** scientific calculators include, but are **not** limited to:

Casio	Sharp	Texas Instruments
fc-200V	EL-500W	TI-15 Explorer
fx-55PLUS	EL-501X	TI-30Xa
fx-115ESPLUS	EL-506X	TI-30XIIS (OGT Approved)
fx-260Solar	EL-516X	TI-30XS Multi View
fx-300MS	EL-520X	TI-34 Series
fx-300ESPLUS	EL-531X	TI-36X Pro
	EL-535X	TI-BAll Plus

**Scientific calculators absent from this list are not automatically prohibited.*

TEST ADMINISTRATOR GUIDANCE

- Confirm that the calculators meet the requirements for the test;
- Confirm that the memory on all handheld calculators is clear before and after each testing session;
- Do not allow students to share calculators with other students within a testing session.

Math Tests	Testing Time for Section 1	Testing Time for Section 2	Maximum Total Testing Time
High School	90 minutes Calculator	90 minutes Calculator	180 minutes

CALCULATOR ACCOMMODATIONS

If students need specialized calculators (e.g. ones with large keys or that “talk”), they may use their own, provided this is specified in their individualized education programs or Section 504 Plans.

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