

Use of Calculators and Testing Aids

Unless a calculator is provided by the school, each student is responsible for bringing a calculator to the test and making sure it works properly. Students may bring a backup calculator and extra batteries, but they may not have more than one calculator on the desk or in operation at a time.

Students are allowed, but not required, to use an approved calculator on the following QualityCore assessments:

- Algebra I
- Precalculus
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- Chemistry
- Physics

Permitted Calculators

Students may use any four-function, scientific, or graphing calculator unless it has features described in [Prohibited Calculators](#) below. Models listed in [Calculators Permitted with Modification](#) on page 2 may be used only if the Teacher or Test Administrator modifies them as indicated.

Note: A minimum of a scientific calculator is recommended as students may not be able to solve some problems without one.

Prohibited Calculators

The following types of calculators are prohibited:

- Calculators with built-in or downloaded computer algebra system functionality. Prohibited calculators in this category include:
 - Texas Instruments®: All model numbers that begin with **TI-89** or **TI-92** and the **TI-Nspire CAS**
Note: The TI-Nspire (non-CAS) is permitted.
 - Hewlett-Packard®: **HP Prime**, **HP 48GII**, and all model numbers that begin with **HP 40G**, **HP 49G**, or **HP 50G**
 - Casio®: **Algebra fx 2.0**, **ClassPad 300**, **ClassPad 330**, **fx-CP400 (ClassPad 400)**, and all model numbers that begin with **CFX-9970G**
- Handheld, tablet, or laptop computers, including PDAs
- Electronic writing pads or pen-input devices
Note: The Sharp® EL 9600 is permitted
- Calculators built into cell phones or any other electronic communication devices
- Calculators with a typewriter keypad (letter keys in QWERTY format)
Note: Letter keys not in QWERTY format are permitted.

Calculators Permitted with Modification

The following types of calculators are permitted, but only after they are modified as noted:

- Calculators that can hold programs or documents—**Remove all documents and remove all programs that have computer algebra system functionality.**
- Calculators with paper tape—**Remove the tape.**
- Calculators that make noise—**Turn off the sound.**
- Calculators with an infrared data port—**Completely cover the infrared data port with heavy opaque material such as duct tape or electrician's tape.**
- Calculators that have power cords—**Remove all power/electrical cords.**

Unauthorized Testing Aids

- The use of any unapproved electronic device during testing is not permitted. Use of any of these unauthorized testing aids should be noted in the ACT QualityCore Test Irregularity Report.