Policy on Use of Calculators for SC READY Mathematics, Grades 6–8 Only

The grades 6, 7, and 8 mathematics tests will be divided into two sections: a no-calculator section, followed by a calculator section. The use of calculators is allowed only during the **calculator section** of the grades 6–8 mathematics tests.

School- or student-owned calculators may be used. Students taking the grades 6 and 7 mathematics tests online will have access to a built-in basic four-function calculator. Students taking the grade 8 mathematics test online will have access to a built-in basic calculator and a scientific calculator. Students taking the grades 6–8 mathematics tests online may use a handheld school- or student-owned calculator during the calculator section as long as the calculator complies with this policy.

The use of **a basic four-function calculator for grades 6 and 7, and a basic or scientific calculator for grade 8, is recommended**; however, test-takers may use any four-function, scientific, or graphing calculator during the calculator section of the grades 6–8 mathematics tests **unless** it has any of the prohibited features described below.

- calculators with built-in computer algebra systems (CAS), including:
  - 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 48GII** and all model numbers that begin with **HP 40G**, **HP 49G**, or **HP 50G**
  - Casio: **Algebra fx 2.0**, **ClassPad 300** and **ClassPad 330**, and all model numbers that begin with **CFX-9970G**
- handheld, tablet, or laptop computers (unless being used for online testing), including PDAs
- calculators with wireless capability, such as Bluetooth or an infrared data port
- electronic writing pads or pen-input devices
- calculators built into cell phones or any other electronic communication devices
- calculators with a typewriter keypad (letter keys in QWERTY format)
- calculators that “talk” or otherwise make noise, such as the AudioCalc

To help maintain test security, **the memory of every school- or student-owned calculator used during testing must be reset by a school test coordinator (STC) or test administrator (TA) before and after testing** to clear all applications and programs. Students should not be allowed to share calculators during testing.

Students who wish to use their own calculators during the test must be told in advance of the test day to back up all data and programs that they wish to save. The memory of every calculator used in testing must be reset to factory default values (cleared) before testing, an action that causes all data and programs stored in the calculator to be erased. **If a student is unwilling to have his or her calculator’s memory reset, the student may not use that calculator during the test.** Some calculators have special features such as Test Guard and Press-to-Test which disable applications and programs during test administration. A TA may activate such features on these calculators instead of resetting the memory. Information is available from the manufacturers.

Note: Calculator use is <u>not</u> permitted during the grades 3–5 mathematics tests or during the no-calculator section of the grades 6–8 mathematics tests.