

Oklahoma School Testing Program
Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests and
Oklahoma Modified Alternate Assessment Program
Calculator Use Accommodations

Grades 3-8:

Calculator use in Grades 3-8 is prohibited except as an accommodation for students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan.

Purpose

- Calculator use is an accommodation allowed for Special Education Students by the Oklahoma School Testing Program (OSTP) as described below. This accommodation went into effect for the 2003–2004 school year and is allowed on all of the Oklahoma Core Curriculum Mathematics Tests, the Oklahoma Modified Alternative Assessments Program Mathematics Tests, the Oklahoma Core Curriculum Grade 8 Science Test and the Oklahoma Modified Alternate Assessments Program Grade 8 Science Test.
- The calculator use accommodation must be written in the student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP). There are two places in the IEP that address accommodations—one asks for a list of instructional accommodations and the other asks for a list of accommodations on the regular state assessment, if the student is taking the regular state assessment. Being listed only as an accommodation for instructional use does not allow calculator use as an accommodation on the state assessment.

General Requirements

- Only non-scientific four-function calculators are allowed.
 - Four-function calculators with the square root function are acceptable.
- Calculator capabilities described for a specific subject give the maximum capabilities allowed; calculators with less capability are acceptable.
- Students may not share calculators.
- Students may use their own calculators or those provided by the school.
- Calculators that make noise must have the sound feature turned off.
- Calculators that have paper tape must have the tape removed.
- Calculators with power cords must have the cord removed.
- All calculators must have the memory cleared before and after the test session.
- Any programs or applications must be removed prior to the test session.

Prohibited Calculators

- Pocket organizers
- Handheld or laptop computers
- Electronic writing pads or pen-input devices
- Calculators built into cellular phones or other electronic communication devices
- Calculators with a typewriter keypad (QWERTY format)
- Calculators with built-in computer algebra systems (CAS), such as, but not limited to:
 - Casio: Algebra fx 2.0, ClassPad 300, and all model numbers that begin with CFX-9970G
 - Texas Instruments: All model numbers that begin with TI-89 or TI-92, TI-Inspire
 - Hewlett-Packard: HP-48GII and all model numbers that begin with HP-40G or HP-49G
- Calculators with programs or applications that cannot be removed or disabled (e.g., Polynomial Root-Finder and Simultaneous Equation Solver on TI-86)

Test Security and Validity

- Using a calculator that does not meet the above requirements invalidates the test results and is a violation of test security and test validity. Any violation will be reported to the State Superintendent and may result in revocation of teaching and/or administrative certificates.