

Oklahoma School Testing Program

Calculator Policy

Effective beginning 2017-18 School Year

Purpose

- The items on the Grade 6-8 Math and Grade 8 Science assessments are designed so that all tasks can be solved without the use of a calculator. However, certain tasks are more difficult if a calculator is not available.
- Before the first day of the test, students using a calculator for any Grade 6-8 Math and Grade 8 Science assessment should be familiar with the use of the specific calculator that can be utilized. Students should be consistently instructed throughout the school year in the use of calculators, otherwise it may hinder students' performance on the assessment.

Grade Specific Requirements

Grades 3-5 Math:

Calculators are only allowed as an approved accommodation for students on an IEP or 504 Plan, and only a basic four-function calculator with square root and percent.

Grades 6-7 Math:

All Students: Basic four-function calculator with square root and percent and does not include a +/- key. (Calculators with memory keys, including M+ and M-, are acceptable).

Grade 8 Math and Science

All Students: Scientific calculators meeting general requirements.

General Requirements

- Calculators are permitted but are not required.
- 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.
- **All calculators must have the memory cleared or reset before and after the test session.**
 - See the manufacturer website or user guide for clearing procedures

ExamCalc Online Testing Calculator

Each Math and Science test administered online will be equipped with an ExamCalc within the testing interface. Students may use a handheld calculator meeting their grade specific requirements, the ExamCalc or both. The calculators provided in ExamCalc are:

Grades 6-7
Grade 8

TI-108 with the +/- key disabled
TI-30XS Multiview

Prohibited Calculators

- Pocket organizers
- Handheld or laptop computers
- Electronic writing pads or pen-input devices
- Calculators built into cellular phones, smart watches, tablets or other electronic communication devices
- Calculators with a typewriter keypad (QWERTY format)
- Calculators with programs or applications that cannot be removed or disabled (e.g., Polynomial Root-Finders and Simultaneous Equation Solvers)

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.