

HIGH SCHOOL CALCULATORS

Dear High School Parents,

As your student enters high school and you begin to discuss options for your child's future, it's a good time to consider purchasing your student a graphing calculator. If your child is going to be taking standardized testing in the coming years as entrance exams to further their education beyond high school, a calculator is the only tool aside from a pencil allowed in the exam room. It is important for your student to be comfortable with it. Making this purchase during the freshman or sophomore year will allow them the opportunity to learn to use a graphing calculator.

If your child is not looking to a career requiring a college degree, please do not feel obligated to purchase an expensive calculator. The \$10 scientific calculator (TI-30 or equivalent) will do everything needed to satisfy the high school math requirements. We do provide graphing calculators during math class for students during select class activities. Each student will have the opportunity to participate in class activities using our class set of graphing calculators.

Graphing calculators are an investment. During the beginning of the school year they can often be found on sale. If you decide to purchase a graphing calculator, your student will be in charge of the care of his/her own device. You also are not required to have a scientific calculator in addition to the graphing calculator. The graphing calculator will be sufficient for everything.

The brands we use in classes at AIE are the Texas Instruments 84 and 84 Plus, and the Casio FX 9750 GII. Both of these options are allowed for ACT testing.

If you have any questions, please email htroyer@aiexcellence.com.

Sincerely,

Julie Dye