

## **ISTEP+ Calculator Policy**

Students in grades 6-8 are allowed to use a calculator on the Applied Skills Assessment and the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the Multiple-Choice Assessment. Students are **not** allowed to use a calculator on the 1<sup>st</sup> session unless specified in the student's IEP or Section 504 plan. Students should use calculators with which they are familiar. Sharing of calculators is not allowed.

The memory and stored programs and applications in each personal calculator should be cleared before and after testing. Students should be told prior to the test day to store all software and data they wish to save on a computer or calculator not being used for the test.

The **prohibited** calculator list below is not exhaustive. Changes in technology occur at a rapid pace; thus, it is very difficult to list all of the calculators not permissible. In general, calculators with a QWERTY keyboard, a computer algebra system (CAS), and talking devices are NOT allowed. Be sure to ask your mathematics department chair if you are unsure whether a particular calculator is allowed.

### **Examples of Calculator Models NOT Allowed**

- Models with QWERTY keypads, such as:
  - TI-89, TI-92, TI-Voyage
  - HP 95
- Models with a computer algebra system (CAS) or dynamic algebra system, such as:
  - TI-Nspire + CAS
  - HP 49G
  - Casio ClassPad 300
- Models with infrared devices
- Models with paper tapes
- Models that require an electrical outlet
- Models that make noise or “talk”
- Pocket organizers, handheld computers, laptop computers, electronic writing pads or pen-input devices, such as:
  - Palm Pilot
  - HP Jornada
  - Casio Cassiopeia
  - Handspring Visor
  - Audiovox Maestro
  - Compaq iPAQ
  - Sony CLIE PEG
  - Sharp Wizard, Sharp Zaurus
  - NEC Mobile Pro
- Cellular phones or other wireless communication devices, such as:
  - iPod touch