

ISTEP+ Mathematics Calculator Policy: Grades 3-8 and 10

Grades 3-5

In grades 3-5, calculators are **not allowed** on ISTEP+. However, a student with an IEP or Section 504 Plan that includes the use of a calculator as an accommodation may use the online calculator or a handheld four-function calculator on ISTEP+.

Grades 6-8

In grades 6-8, calculators are allowed on the ISTEP+ Part 1 Assessment and any “calculator” session of the ISTEP+ Part 2 Assessment. A student with an IEP or Section 504 Plan that includes the use of a calculator as an accommodation may also use a calculator during sections identified as “non-calculator.” For sessions that allow calculator use, students taking the test online should use the online calculator. Students may use a handheld calculator as long as the functionality does not exceed that of a scientific calculator.

Grade 10

In grade 10, calculators are allowed on the ISTEP+ Part 1 Assessment and any “calculator” session of the ISTEP+ Part 2 Assessment. A student with an IEP or Section 504 Plan that includes the use of a calculator as an accommodation may also use a calculator during sections identified as “non-calculator.” For sessions that allow calculator use, students testing online should use the online calculator. Students may use a handheld calculator as long as the functionality

- 1) does not exceed that of a graphing calculator; and
- 2) does not meet or exceed the following criteria:
 - Calculators with QWERTY keypads
 - Calculators with a computer algebra system or dynamic algebra system
 - Calculators with infrared communication functionality
 - Calculators with paper tapes
 - Calculators that require an electrical outlet
 - Calculators that make noise or “talk”

Additional Guidance

Pocket organizers, handheld computers, laptop computers, electronic writing pads, cellular phones, and digital music players are prohibited for use as a calculator on any part of the ISTEP+ assessment.

The memory, 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.

For more information about calculator accommodations, please see Appendix C: Accessibility and Accommodations Guidance located within the Indiana Assessment Program Manual (<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment>).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Sharing of calculators during a test session is prohibited.