

## Calculator Policy

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### ILEARN

The chart below delineates calculators that may be used on the ILEARN assessment. A calculator is not allowed for ILEARN Science assessments, unless deemed appropriate as an accommodation through an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), Section 504 Plan, Choice Special Education Plan (CSEP) or Service Plan.

Mathematics Assessment	General Education Students	Students with IEPs, Section 504 Plans, Service Plans, and/or CSEPs
Grades 3-5	No calculator allowed.	No calculator allowed.
		Students may use a <a href="#">hundreds chart</a> and/or <a href="#">9 x 9 multiplication table</a> on all items if listed as an accommodation.
Grade 6*	Online <a href="#">Desmos Four Function</a> calculator during calculator segments and performance tasks only.	Students may use a handheld/adaptive calculator** if listed as an accommodation for calculator segments and performance tasks only.
		Students may use a <a href="#">hundreds chart</a> or <a href="#">9 x 9 multiplication table</a> if listed as an accommodation for all items.
		Students may use an online <a href="#">Desmos Four Function</a> calculator and/or a handheld/adaptive calculator** for all items if the case conference committee determines the accommodation is appropriate based on student needs..***
Grades 7-8	Online <a href="#">Desmos Scientific calculator</a> during calculator segments and performance tasks only.	Students may use a handheld/adaptive calculator if listed as an accommodation for calculator segments and performance tasks only.
		Students may use a <a href="#">hundreds chart</a> or <a href="#">9 x 9 multiplication table</a> if listed as an accommodation for all items.
		Students may use an online <a href="#">Desmos Scientific calculator</a> and/or handheld/adaptive calculator for all items if the case conference committee determines the accommodation is appropriate based on student needs as defined in IDOE Accessibility and Accommodations Guidance.

\*IDOE understands Four Function calculators may be difficult to procure, and those available for purchase may have additional features, such as percentage, positive/negative, or memory functions which do not provide additional benefit. Please contact IDOE directly if you have additional questions regarding appropriate calculators for the assessment.

Science Assessment	General Education Students	Students with IEPs, Section 504 Plans, Service Plans, and/or CSEP
Grades 4, 6, Biology	No calculator allowed.	Students may use a handheld/adaptive calculator on all items if listed as an accommodation.

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An online Desmos Four Function calculator is allowed for all students.

Students may use a [hundreds chart](#), [9 x 9 multiplication table](#), or handheld or special calculator if listed as an accommodation in the student's IEP. Handheld or special calculators may not exceed the functionality of a four-function calculator.

## ISTEP+ Grade 10 Mathematics

For online test sessions that allow calculator use, students may use the online calculator or a handheld/adaptive calculator<sup>1</sup>. For paper test sessions that allow calculator use, students may use a handheld/adaptive calculator<sup>1</sup>.

The functionality of the handheld/adaptive calculator:

- does not exceed that of a graphing calculator; and
- does not meet or exceed the following criteria:
  - Calculators with QWERTY keypads
  - Calculators with a computer algebra system (CAS) 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”
    - Restriction does not apply to students with visual impairments.

For students with IEPs, Section 504 Plans, Service Plans, and/or CSEP, the student may use a calculator (either online or handheld) for all items if a calculator accommodation is noted in the plan.

### Additional Guidance for all assessments:

- Paper assessment mode is only provided in cases where a corporation's technology is not able to support online testing or as an accommodation for a student with an IEP or Section 504 Plan that clearly indicates the reason that the computer-based test is not currently accessible or appropriate. Paper assessments are not computer-adaptive. Accommodations for the paper assessment mode at each grade level are the same as above. **An equivalent handheld calculator may only be used during calculator**

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<sup>1</sup> TAs must oversee the use of the handheld calculator to ensure use only during appropriate test segments. Misuse of a calculator may result in a test invalidation for an assessment needed by a student to fulfill graduation requirements.

**segments for students testing on paper unless an accommodation has been provided via an IEP, Section 504 Plan, Service Plan and/or CSEP.**

- Pocket organizers, handheld computers, laptop computers, electronic writing pads, cellular phones, smart watches, 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.
- Sharing of calculators during a test session is prohibited.