



Frederick County Public Schools

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Director of Middle and Secondary Instruction

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your student will be using a Texas Instruments graphing calculator both at school and at home this year. Students are expected to use a graphing calculator as a problem-solving tool in their study of mathematics. The Standards of Learning Mathematics End-of-Course tests are designed for use with a graphing calculator. In some mathematics courses, students can either check out a calculator or purchase one from a local vendor.

Students who are issued a calculator will be responsible for the calculators in the same way they are for their textbooks. Calculators will be assigned to students using the calculator's serial number. Students who damage or lose a calculator will be charged the full replacement cost, currently \$59.00 for a TI-83, \$97 for a TI-84, and \$115 for a TI-84C. Students must return the calculators to the school at the end of the school year. Batteries are the responsibility of the student during the school year.

If your student already has a graphing calculator of his/her own, we will not issue another one. However, in some courses, students must have access to the calculators for use both at school and at home to complete assignments. If you purchase a new calculator, the TI-84C would be the calculator of choice for high school mathematics. This calculator can be used on SOL, SAT, ACT and AP math tests.

Students will be tested on their mastery of the Standards of Learning in Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. The correct and appropriate use of the graphing calculator will be a part of the SOL testing. We believe that providing all students with the opportunity to use this tool will help to ensure their success in meeting the higher expectations required by the Virginia Standards of Learning in class and during testing.

If you have any questions regarding the use of the calculators, please call your school principal.

Sincerely,

Julie Myers, PhD
Director of Secondary Instruction

I give permission for my student to receive a graphing calculator for use in school and at home. I understand that my child is financially responsible for the calculator for the remainder of the school year and that it should be returned to the school at the close of the 2017-2018 school year in good working condition.

Student Name

Calculator Type

Batteries issued? Yes / No

Parent/ Guardian Signature

Assigned Number

Date

Teacher Name