

## Calculators for Advanced Math 1

Dear Parent,

Welcome to the new school year. I am very excited about this first year of Accelerated Math 1 and about having your student in my class. I want to do all I can to guide your child's success. With this commitment in mind, I plan on using graphing calculators as part of my daily instruction in Advanced Math 1, as it will be an extremely useful tool for algebra, geometry, and statistical applications.

Our school has a very limited supply of these calculators, so I am recommending that my students purchase one. I appreciate your understanding and support.

**There are numerous advantages to your child owning a graphing calculator.** Your son or daughter will use it in class *and* on homework. It is a valuable study aid. Helpful programs and applications can be downloaded – just like a computer.

**A graphing calculator is an investment that will last many years.** Current models are upgradeable for use during high school and into college.

**A flexible learning tool, graphing calculators are incorporated in many math and science courses.**

Graphing calculators help students visualize concepts while challenging them to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Graphing calculators are also permitted or even required on:

- SAT\* and ACT\*\* College Entrance Exams
- AP\* Calculus, AP Chemistry, AP Physics and AP Statistics exams

While it is not necessary that your student purchase a particular brand of calculator, my recommendation would be for a Texas Instrument calculator – a **TI-83, TI-83 Silver Edition, TI-84, or TI-84 Silver Edition**. I will be using a TI-84 Silver Edition in class. If you decide to purchase a TI calculator, I'd love to have the proof of purchase. We will be able to redeem these for more Texas Instruments technology.

Investing in a graphing calculator now will allow your child to become more proficient with all the features. If you have any questions, please contact me to discuss your child's needs.

Best regards,

Casey Jones

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