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Calculator Policy

Which calculators can be used on test day — and when

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General calculator policy

Acceptable calculators are allowed for mathematics questions only. You will not be allowed to share calculators. You will be dismissed and your scores canceled if you use your calculator to share information during the test, or to remove test questions or answers from the test room.

Use of calculators during the SAT

Every question in the mathematics portion of the SAT can be solved without a calculator. However, we suggest that you bring and use a calculator, especially one with which you are familiar. We recommend the use of a scientific or graphing calculator. You may not use a calculator while working on the critical reading or writing portions, and must put the calculator away during these portions of the test.

Use of calculators during SAT Subject Tests

Some questions on the Mathematics Level 1 and Level 2 Subject Tests cannot be solved without a scientific or graphing calculator. We recommend the use of a graphing calculator rather than a scientific calculator. Calculators may only be used on the Mathematics Subject Tests. You may not use a calculator for other SAT Subject Tests and must put it away when not taking a mathematics test.

Calculator tips

- Bring a calculator with you, even if you're not sure if you will use it. Calculators will not be available at the test center.
- If you don't use a calculator regularly, practice using it on sample SAT mathematics questions before the test. Use a calculator with which you are familiar.
- All questions on the SAT can be answered without a calculator. The questions do not require complicated or tedious calculations.
- Don't buy an expensive, sophisticated calculator just to take the test. Although you can use them for the test, more sophisticated calculators are not required for any problem on the test.
- Don't try to use a calculator on every question. First, decide how to solve the problem, and then decide whether to use the calculator. The calculator is meant to aid you in problem solving select questions, not to get in the way.
- It may help to do scratch work in the test book. Get your thoughts down before using your calculator.
- Make sure your calculator is in good working order and that batteries are fresh. If your calculator fails during testing and you have no backup, you'll have to complete the test without it.

Acceptable calculators

If you have a calculator with characters that are one inch or higher, or if your calculator has a raised display that might be visible to other test-takers, you will be seated at the discretion of the test supervisor.

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Only battery-operated, handheld equipment can be used for testing. No power cords are allowed. Calculators permitted during testing include:

- Most graphing calculators (see chart)
- All scientific calculators
- All four-function calculators (not recommended)

Casio	Hewlett-Packard	Texas Instruments
FX-6000 series	HP-9G	TI-73
FX-6200 series	HP-28 series	TI-80
FX-6300 series	HP-38G	TI-81
FX-6500 series	HP-39 series	TI-82
FX-7000 series	HP-40 series	TI-83/TI-83 Plus
FX-7300 series	HP-48 series	TI-83 Plus Silver
FX-7400 series	HP-49 series	TI-84 Plus
FX-7500 series	HP-50 series	TI-84 Plus CE
FX-7700 series	HP Prime	TI-84 Plus Silver
FX-7800 series		TI-84 Plus C Silver
FX-8000 series	Radio Shack	TI-85
FX-8500 series	EC-4033	TI-86
FX-8700 series	EC-4034	TI-89
FX-8800 series	EC-4037	TI-89 Titanium
FX-9700 series		TI-Nspire/TI-Nspire CX
FX-9750 series	Sharp	TI-Nspire CAS/TI-Nspire CX CAS
FX-9860 series	EL-5200	TI-Nspire CM-C/TI-Nspire CM-C CAS
CFX-9800 series	EL-9200 series	TI-Nspire CX-C CAS
CFX-9850 series	EL-9300 series	
CFX-9950 series	EL-9600 series*	Other
CFX-9970 series	EL-9900 series	Datexx DS-883
FX 1.0 series		Micronta
Algebra FX 2.0 series		Smart ²
FX-CG-10 (PRIZM)		
FX-CG-20		

*The use of the stylus is not permitted.

Unacceptable calculators

You are not allowed to use any of the following items as a calculator:

- Laptops or other computers, tablets, cell phones, or smartphones
- Models that can access the Internet, have wireless, Bluetooth, cellular, audio/video recording and playing, camera, or any other smart phone type feature
- Models that have typewriter-like keypad, pen-input, or stylus
- Models that use electrical outlets, make noise, or have a paper tape
- Calculator function on a mobile phone
- In addition, the use of hardware peripherals such as a stylus with an approved calculator is not permitted. **Some models with touch-screen capability are not permitted (e.g., Casio ClassPad). Check the list of acceptable calculators for models that are permitted.**

SAT Study Plan: Tell us a few things about yourself, and we'll recommend the best study plan.

Which test will you take?

How many times have you taken it?

When will you take it?

Test Day Checklist:

What to bring on test day, and what *not* to bring >