

LHSRA CALCULATOR USAGE POLICY GUIDELINES

This statement of policy guidelines for calculator usage at District and State Rallies will allow participants to use certain models of calculators on mathematics and science event test. The guidelines reflect consistency with official calculator usage policies of national testing services (ACT, SAT, PSAT, NMSQT) and recommendations of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Calculators are highly recommended, but not compulsory for mathematics and science District and State Rally events. As established by ACT, **four function, scientific, or graphing calculators*** are permitted; however, **the following features/items are excluded:**

- computer-type capabilities
- QUERTY keyboards
- use of paper tapes
- noise/sound occurring during use
- pocket organizers
- handheld or laptop computers
- electronic writing pads or pen-input devices
- wireless transfer of information capabilities
- use of wire cords
- use of cell phones
- use of pagers

Calculators and/or extra batteries **will not be provided**. Sharing and/or borrowing of calculators during testing is **strictly prohibited**.

Prohibited Calculators

These types of calculators are prohibited:

- **Texas Instruments:** all model numbers that begin with TI-89 and TI-92, and the TI-Nspire CAS—The TI-Nspire (non-CAS) is permitted.
- **Hewlett-Packard:** hp 48GII and all model numbers that begin with hp 40G, hp 49G, or hp 50G
- **Casio:** Algebra fx 2.0, ClassPad 300, and all model numbers that begin with CFX-9970G
- calculators with built-in computer algebra systems
- pocket organizers
- handheld or laptop computers
- electronic writing pads or pen-input devices—The Sharp EL 9600 is permitted.
- calculators built into cell phones or other electronic communication devices
- calculators with a typewriter keypad (keys in QWERTY format)—Calculators with letter keys not in QWERTY format are permitted.

Violation of any of the aforementioned exclusions will result in immediate disqualification of the student (violator) and subject his/her school to a probationary status of not less than two (2) academic years.

For the latest list of prohibited calculators, check ACT's website at <http://www.act.org>.

* "Preparing for the ACT Assessment," 1998-1999 Ed.