Mathematics Assessment: Calculator Policy

🚫 Restricted Features & Devices

To maintain test security and fairness, the following are strictly **prohibited**:

- **Calculators with CAS:** Computer Algebra System features are not allowed.
- **Hardware Restrictions:** No QWERTY keyboards, tablets, laptops, PDAs, or phone-based calculators.
- **No Sharing:** Students must use their own assigned or brought device.

🗓️ Allowable Calculators by Grade

Grade Level	Standard Policy	IEP & 504 Plan Accommodations
Grades 3–5	**No Calculators Allowed**	4-Function (with √ and %)
Grades 6–7	**4-Function** (with √ and %)	4-Function (with √ and %)
Grade 8	**Scientific Calculator**	**Scientific** (+ optional 4-Function)

Important: Accommodations for the non-calculator section are strictly for students with the accommodation documented in an **IEP or 504 Plan**.

🛠️ Security & Management

- **Memory Reset:** Test Administrators **must** reset all handheld calculators to factory/default settings **before and after** every session to clear programs, formulas, and user-created apps.
- **Verification:** Administrators must verify that all student-brought devices meet grade-specific requirements before testing begins.

- **App Warning:** Resetting will delete user-created apps with your hand-held device. Back up any critical data prior to the test.

❓ Frequently Asked Questions

- **Can students use their own calculators?** Yes, provided they meet the specific requirements for their grade level.
- **Is an online calculator available?** Yes, for computer-based tests, an embedded calculator is provided for the designated sections.
- **What tools are allowed with accommodations?** Eligible students may use arithmetic tables, multiplication tables, two-color chips, counters, square tiles, base 10 blocks, and 100s charts as outlined in their IEP or 504 Plan.
- **Must schools buy new devices?** Not necessarily. Online calculators are provided; schools only need handhelds for paper tests or if students prefer them over digital tools.