

# **Calculator Use for the ISAT Mathematics Test**

Students in grades 4-8 are allowed the use of a calculator on all portions of the mathematics test. Grade 3 students with IEPs or Section 504 Plans may use calculators if it is an accommodation written into the IEP or Section 504 Plan.

Acceptable calculators include four-function, scientific, or graphing calculators, as long as the calculator does not have any of the prohibited features listed below.

The following calculators and features are prohibited:

- calculators built into cellular/mobile phones
- handheld, laptop, or tablet-style computers
- calculators built in to devices that have wireless communication capability
- calculators with USB ports or cables
- calculators with a QWERTY keyboard (like a typewriter)
- calculators with CAS (computer algebra systems) technology
- pocket organizers, electronic writing pads/tablets, and pen-input devices
- calculators that make noise, such as a calculator with a paper tape or a talking calculator
- calculators with power cords
- any electronic device that has scanning or camera functions

A testing irregularity will result and scores will be suppressed if a student is found:

1. using a calculator with prohibited features
2. storing test materials in the memory function of a calculator or other electronic device
3. using any device (including a calculator) to share or exchange information during or after a testing session

Students with IEPs and Section 504 Plans may use a calculator with prohibited features as long as it is written as an accommodation in their IEPs or 504 Plans. However, if either numbers 2 or 3 above occur, this will be considered a test irregularity, even for students with IEPs or Section 504 Plans.