State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR™)
Calculator Policy

The state assessment program has new policies for calculator use on STAAR.

Calculators must be provided to students taking

- STAAR Algebra I (including STAAR L and STAAR Modified)
- STAAR Geometry (including STAAR L and STAAR Modified)
- STAAR Algebra II (including STAAR L)
- STAAR Chemistry (including STAAR L)
- STAAR Physics (including STAAR L)
- STAAR Biology (including STAAR L and STAAR Modified)

While students are working through these mathematics and science STAAR EOC assessments, they must have a calculator to use throughout the entire test. The school may provide calculators, or students may bring them from home. Students should be provided the same type of calculator they routinely use in classroom instruction and testing. Providing an unfamiliar calculator on the day of the state assessment may hinder rather than aid the student. Districts may provide students with more than one calculator during the assessment but are required to provide, at a minimum, the following.

- A graphing calculator for each student taking
  - Algebra I
  - Geometry
  - Algebra II
- A graphing or scientific calculator for each student taking
  - Chemistry
  - Physics
- A calculator available for every five students taking Biology

Any calculator may be used to fulfill the minimum requirements listed above except for those that include a computer algebra system (CAS) or allow access to the Internet. In addition, a device that has a calculator as an application may not be used (e.g., cell phone). A list of state-approved calculators will not be issued.

All calculator memory must be cleared to factory default both before and after testing. Any programs or applications must be removed or disabled prior to testing. For specific assistance in effectively preparing calculators for use during testing, contact the calculator manufacturer.

Calculators must not be provided to a student taking the STAAR grades 3–8 mathematics assessments or the STAAR grades 5 and 8 science assessments unless the student meets the eligibility criteria for an accommodation. This includes STAAR Spanish, STAAR L, and STAAR Modified versions of these assessments. Information regarding calculators as an accommodation for students with disabilities can be found on the Accommodation Resources webpage.