



WESTERN HIGH SCHOOL

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Graphing Calculator Initiative

High-school-level Common Core math courses (and most college math courses) require the use of a TI-84 calculator. Graphing calculators are also used on standardized testing, such as the SAT, ACT, and PARCC. It is imperative that students have access to this calculator inside and outside of the classroom.

Only the TI-84 Plus is an acceptable calculator. Please do not consider other brands or models as they operate very differently, and the TI calculators are specified for use on state tests. This calculator can often be found at local retailers (Target, Walmart, Staples, Office Depot) for around \$99 new during back-to-school sales (in a rainbow of colors), but you might be able to find lower prices at pawn shops or eBay. This calculator uses AAA batteries.

Western High School offers two options for calculator access:

Option 1: A graphing calculator may be leased from the school for the school year for a fee of \$25.00 (see the attached rental agreement). Students and parents may not rent a calculator until the first week of school.

Option 2: Graphing calculators can be purchased through the school. The calculators for sale are the TI-84 plus CE versions in the red color. This is the latest and sleekest design in the TI series. To purchase a calculator through the school, a \$50.00 deposit must be made when placing the order for your calculator. The balance (\$70.00) will be due when your calculator is ready for pick up. Please be aware that calculators may not be delivered by the start of school. Teachers will have calculators for use in the classroom through October 13, 2017.

If you choose to purchase a calculator through the school, please complete and submit the form below with your payment (cash and money orders made payable to Western High School will be accepted, no checks). Parents, please sign below to indicate that you are aware that your student has entered into this purchase agreement.

You may purchase your calculator on following dates:

1. August 8 – 9, 2017 from 12 pm to 3 pm in the main office.
2. During the first week of school on your lunch periods from Mr. Bredenburg in the main office.
3. At Back School Night (TBD)

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Deposit Method: _____ Deposit Date: _____

Math Teacher: _____