

# ACT<sup>®</sup> Calculator Policy

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The ACT calculator policy is designed to ensure fairness for all examinees, avoid disturbances in the testing room, and protect the security of the test materials.

- A permitted calculator may be used on the ACT mathematics test only.
- **It is the examinee's responsibility** to know whether their calculator is permitted. For the most current information on the ACT calculator policy, visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or call 800.498.6481 for a recorded message.
- Accessible calculators (such as audio/"talking" or braille calculators) may be allowed under the accessibility policies for the ACT<sup>®</sup> test. See [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for more information.

## The following types of calculators are prohibited:

- Calculators with built-in or downloaded computer algebra system functionality  
*Prohibited calculators in this category include:*
  - Texas Instruments:
    - All model numbers that begin with **TI-89** or **TI-92**
    - **TI-Nspire CAS**—Note: The TI-Nspire (non-CAS) is permitted.
  - Hewlett-Packard:
    - HP Prime
    - HP 48GII
    - All model numbers that begin with HP 40G, HP 49G, or HP 50G
  - Casio:
    - fx-CP400 (ClassPad 400)
    - ClassPad 300
    - ClassPad 330
    - Algebra fx 2.0
    - All model numbers that begin with CFX-9970G
- Handheld, tablet, or laptop computers, including PDAs
- Electronic writing pads or pen-input devices—Note: The Sharp EL 9600 is permitted.
- Calculators built into cell phones or any other electronic communication devices
- Calculators with a typewriter keypad (letter keys in QWERTY format)—Note: Letter keys not in QWERTY format are permitted.

## The following types of calculators are permitted, but only after they are modified as noted:

- Calculators that can hold programs or documents—remove all documents and remove all programs that have computer algebra system functionality.
- Calculators with paper tape—Remove the tape.
- Calculators that make noise—Turn off the sound.
- Calculators with an infrared data port—Completely cover the infrared data port with heavy opaque material such as duct tape or electrician's tape (includes Hewlett-Packard HP 38G series, HP 39G series, and HP 48G).
- Calculators that have power cords—Remove all power/electrical cords.

### NOTE:

- Examinees may bring any **4-function**, scientific, or graphing calculator as long as it is a permitted calculator modified if needed as described above.
- **NEW** In a computer-based testing environment:
  - An on-screen calculator may be provided.
  - Hand-held calculators may not be connected in any way to the computer or device being used for testing.
- Sharing calculators during the test is not permitted, and the test proctor will not provide a calculator.
- Examinees are responsible for ensuring that their calculator works properly. If their calculator uses batteries, the batteries should be strong enough to last throughout the testing session.
- Examinees may bring a spare calculator and extra batteries.