

## So what's an "acceptable calculator"?

- Graphing calculators, unless it has prohibited features listed below
- Scientific calculators, unless it has prohibited features listed below
- Four-function calculators

Some calculators are permitted with modification to the calculator itself:

- Calculators with paper tape must have the tape removed.
- Calculators that make noise must have the sound turned off.
- Calculators with an infrared port, such as HP 38G, 39G, and 48G series, must have the port covered with duct tape or electrician's tape.
- Calculators with power cords must have the cords removed.

## What kind of calculators aren't allowed?

- Laptop, tablet, or a portable/handheld computer
- Calculator that has QWERTY (keyboard-like) keypad
- Electronic writing pad or pen-input/stylus-driven device (Note: The Sharp EL 9600 **IS** permitted)
- Cell phone calculator
- Calculators with built-in computer algebra systems, including the following:
  - All Texas Instruments beginning with TI-89, TI-92, and TI-Nspire CAS (the TI-Nspire, non-CAS, **IS** permitted).
  - All Hewlett Packard models beginning with HP 48GII, HP 40G, HP 49G, and HP 50G.
  - All Casios beginning with CFX-9970G, Algebra fx 2.0, ClassPad300, and ClassPad 330.

Please note that the TI-89 is NOT permitted. Use of this calculator is the most common reason students are dismissed during the test!

Although all of the math problems on the ACT can be solved without a calculator (really, they can!), we still recommend that you bring one, just in case. Even the biggest math whiz kids need some help sometimes, and the speed and accuracy of a calculator may help you when you're running out of time