

Algebra Students – Calculator Recommendation

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Students will be learning the basics of how to use a graphing calculator this year as part of the Algebra 1 curriculum.

We will explore how to perform operations, graph functions, find intersection and vertex points, calculate trigonometric ratios, and more.

Recommended model to purchase: TI-84 Plus CE

Other suitable models: TI-83 Plus, TI-84 Plus

The main advantage of the TI-84 Plus CE is the color graphing it offers. When graphing multiple functions at the same time, the colors make it easy to visually distinguish between them.

The regular price is usually \$150 but check back-to-school sales at Target, Walmart, Amazon, Staples, Office Depot, etc. for deals!

Students will use this same calculator throughout high school, on the SAT/ACT, and for college-level work.

Note: It is recommended but not mandatory to purchase a graphing calculator for this class. If you feel it is not the right time to make this investment, then you can wait until high school.

I will have students work with partners as needed in the classroom on tutorial days so everyone can learn the calculator functions. Additionally, students will not be allowed to use graphing calculators on tests and quizzes, so students without one will not be disadvantaged.

Please feel free to email me with any questions at Ldychus@bfacademy.org

Looking forward to a great school year!

Best regards,

Ms. Dychus

