

## **Calculators**

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Unless a student has a special accommodation allowing the use of a calculator:

- Calculators are permitted in Grades 3–8 only and only where specified in the *Examiner's Manuals*.
- Calculators are not permitted in the Science Assessment.

By design, the test items do not require the use of a calculator to solve them. ACSI does not provide, endorse, or recommend a list of calculator brands or types that students are permitted to use. Test Examiners should follow their own general education policy for the types of calculators permitted during quizzes, benchmark tests, common assessments, chapter/unit tests, and final exams.

Calculators cannot contain stored equations or functions at the time of the Mathematics Assessments. Test Examiners are responsible for ensuring and verifying that calculators that have the ability to store equations and functions, e.g., a graphing or a **scientific calculator**, have the memory cleared before and after each Mathematics Assessment.

Calculators cannot have internet connectivity or be able to connect to anyone inside or outside the classroom during testing. Students cannot use a calculator on a laptop or other portable computer, pocket organizer, cell phone, device with a typewriter-style keyboard, electronic writing pad, or pen-input device unless a particular assistive device is required for a student and is specified on his or her IEP.