

NLC CALCULATOR GUIDELINES

Contestants must ensure their calculator works properly as the testing center will *not* provide batteries or spare calculators. Contestants may use only their own calculator. Contestants may bring a backup calculator in case their primary calculator fails.

ACT-approved calculators include four-function, scientific or graphic calculators. Certain calculators are entirely prohibited while others are permitted with modifications.

Prohibited calculators include:

- Texas Instruments models beginning with TI-89 and TI-92, TI-Nspire CAS (Note: The TI-Nspire (non-CAS) is permitted)
- Hewlett Packard models beginning with HP Prime, HP 48GII, HP 40G, HP 49G, HP 50G
- Casio models including fx-CP400 (ClassPad 400), Algebra fx 2.0, ClassPad 300 & 330, and all models beginning with CFX 9970G
- Electronic writing pads or pen-input devices (Note: The Sharp EL9600 is permitted)
- Handheld, tablet or laptop computers, including PDAs
- Cell phone calculators or any other electronic communications devices
- Calculators with typewriter keypads in QWERTY format

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

- Calculators that 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 (includes HP 38G series, HP 39G series, and HP 48G)
- Calculators that have power cords – remove all power/electrical cords
- Hand-held calculators may *not* be connected in any way to the computer or device being used for testing.

It is each contestant's responsibility to ensure that his/her calculator meets ACT requirements. Calculators that do *not* meet ACT standards will *not* be allowed during the test, which could result in a lower score for unprepared contestants. Contestants who bring prohibited calculators will *not* be provided an alternative calculator by the testing center staff, and they will *not* be allowed to use another contestant's calculator.

