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**MCAS Mathematics Calculator Policy**

Calculators are only allowed during session 2 of the Grades 7, 8 and 10 MCAS Mathematics tests.

Computer-based test:

* Students taking the Grade 7 test will have a five-function calculator and a scientific calculator embedded in the online testing platform.
* Students taking the Grades 8 and 10 tests will have a scientific calculator, a TI-84 graphing calculator, and a Desmos graphing calculator embedded in the online testing platform.

Students who prefer to use handheld calculators when taking the computer-based test may do so. (*See below for handheld calculator options.*)

Paper-based test (handheld calculator):

Students taking the Grades 7, 8 and 10 paper-based tests must have sole access to a handheld calculator. The Department strongly recommends using handheld calculators that are equivalent to the calculator types embedded in the computer-based testing platform. At a minimum, schools should provide a five-function calculator for students in Grades 7, 8 and 10. Students may also use their own handheld calculator, including a graphing calculator.