

Honors Algebra I Calculator Information (2019-20)

Dear Future Honors Algebra I Students and Parents:

I often receive many questions regarding the type of calculator to purchase for Honors Algebra I. First of all, I must state that it is not necessary to purchase a calculator for this class. I have a set of graphing calculators in my classroom that students can use during class. However, the issue is that these calculators cannot be taken from the class. Therefore, it would be beneficial for students to have their own calculator to use at home and at school.

The calculator that I use in class is the Texas Instruments (TI-84) model. Texas Instruments introduced a new version of this model two years ago, the **TI-84 Plus CE**, which has a color screen and a thinner design. This **TI-84 Plus CE** model is the calculator that I recommend for students to purchase. This calculator should get students through all high school math classes as well as most college math classes. I understand this is a substantial investment, and hopefully this will be the last calculator students will have to purchase. Other TI graphing calculators will work such as the TI-83 or TI-84 series, but if you have not yet purchased a calculator, the **TI-84 Plus CE** is the model I recommend. It has the most memory and the fastest speeds of all of the graphing calculator models. Plus, it has new features that are not included in the other models such as being able to input math symbols, formulas, and stacked fractions exactly as they appear in a mathematical situation. Please go to education.ti.com for more information. I suggest searching the Internet for the best deal on the pricing. Usually the price varies from \$120 to \$150. Also, Wal-Mart and Target will usually run specials on this calculator right before schools starts. If you have any questions on this matter, please send me an email. I look forward to our experiences together in Algebra I.

Sincerely,
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