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Dear Parents,

Graphing calculators are strategically used within the goals of our math curriculum. They are not used for every assignment, quiz or test in order to develop critical thinking skills. However, math curriculum includes problems that can only be solved with a graphing calculator. Students have access to online graphing calculators, but during class, tests, and exams students may not use online or share calculators.

Our desire is to make sure every CATA student is able to use a graphing calculator at home and at school. We are currently using TI-84 Plus and TI-84 Plus Silver Edition at CATA. If your child chooses to purchase a graphing calculator be sure it is a model they will be allowed to use on the Math EOC or NCFE (example TI-84 CE is the latest approved model). These calculators will be used all four years of high school and into college.

We realize that some students will NOT be able to secure their own calculator. Students will be allowed to check one out through our media center. It is the responsibility of the student to return it at the end of the semester or the student will be assessed the full replacement cost of the calculator.

In order to check out a calculator your child must return a completed calculator-need form (below) along with the parent/guardian signature.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's math teacher.

Thank you,

CATA Math Department – Shelia Horne

Calculator Need Form

Student Name (print)_____ Math Course /teacher _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date_____