

**Ridgeview Middle School
Mathematics Department**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Graphing calculators are necessary for the student to demonstrate mastery of the mathematics curriculum beginning with Algebra 1. Students are encouraged to buy their own graphing calculators to use during Algebra 1 and subsequent mathematics courses.

If a student does not purchase a graphing calculator, Ridgeview will loan one for the school year.

- Ridgeview will loan the TI 83+ graphing calculator for a one-time deposit of \$45.00. Batteries will be included.
- The deposit will be returned to the student at the end of the school year as long as the calculator is returned in original working condition with batteries.
- Students who borrow a graphing calculator will be given a financial obligation if the calculator is lost or damaged. The obligation will be for the amount not covered by the deposit.

If you wish to purchase a graphing calculator for your child, we recommend the following calculators which are available in office supply and electronic stores.

- TI 83, TI 83+, TI 84+
- The above calculators are acceptable in any math class at Ridgeview, and they will suffice for all higher math classes offered in MCPS high schools.
- We recommend that you do not purchase calculators of higher number for use at Ridgeview.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at Ridgeview at 301-840-4770.

Sincerely,

Monica Kellner
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