

Neelsville Middle School

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Calculator Policy

Students who are enrolled in Math 6, Math 7, and Algebra Prep are encouraged to purchase a scientific calculator. Students who are enrolled in IM, Algebra and Honors Geometry are encouraged to purchase a TI-83 or TI-84 graphing calculator. These curricula are designed to emphasize solving real-life problems that motivate and help students to apply their knowledge. We hope to do new and exciting lessons using the calculators. It is our goal to teach all students how to use the calculator so that they are better prepared for future math and science courses and testing.

Students will take the Maryland State Assessment in March which requires calculator usage for certain questions. Students should feel comfortable with this tool for the test. Throughout the school year, students will practice these questions. It would be nice to have a calculator at home. All students who are taking Algebra will take the High School Assessment in May. The students are able to use the graphing calculator during the test.

Teachers will have a class set of calculators. However we are hoping that students will be able to have access to a calculator on a regular basis. We understand that the purchase of a graphing calculator is an expensive purchase. However, it is a worthwhile investment; students will be able to use the graphing calculator on the high school and college level. If the purchase of a graphing calculator is difficult, please let Ms. Jones know and a rental arrangement will be set up with a school calculator for home use until the calculators are all issued.