

PSAT/NMSQT Calculator Policy

What's Allowed

Non-CAS handheld calculators:

- Graphing calculators (without CAS features)
- Scientific calculators
- Four-function calculators (not recommended)
- Desmos calculator embedded in the Bluebook app (graphing and scientific modes available)

What's Not Allowed

CAS (Computer Algebra System) calculators, including:

- Casio ClassPad fx-CG500
- HP Prime
- **TI-Nspire CAS, TI-89, TI-92**

Calculators with:

- Symbolic algebra manipulation (e.g., solving equations symbolically)
- QWERTY keyboards
- Wireless, Bluetooth, or cellular connectivity
- Cameras, audio/video recording
- Paper tape
- Apps or programs that store test content
- Tablets, laptops, phones, or calculator apps


Tips for Parents & Students

For Students:

- Use a calculator you know well—don't bring a new one on test day.
- Practice with your calculator using Bluebook or Desmos online.
- Bring fresh batteries and a backup if possible.
- Don't use calculators during Reading and Writing sections—they must be put away.
- Remove any stored programs or documents from your calculator before test day.
- Turn off sound and cover infrared ports with tape if applicable.

For Parents:

- Help your students check their calculator model to ensure it's allowed.
- Encourage practice with the same calculator they'll use on test day.
- Review the Desmos calculator together if your student plans to use the embedded version.
- Remind your student not to share calculators; each student must bring their own.

 For further information—including a full list of approved calculators, examples of prohibited models, and guidance on using the Desmos calculator—please visit [PSAT/NMSQT Calculator Policy](#).