



Indiana Department of Education

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2021-2022 Calculator Policy

ILEARN

The chart below delineates calculators that may be used on the ILEARN assessment. A calculator is not allowed for ILEARN Science assessments, unless deemed appropriate as an accommodation through an Individualized Education Program (IEP), Section 504 Plan, Choice Special Education Plan (CSEP) or Service Plan.

Mathematics Assessment	General Education Students	Students with IEPs, Section 504 Plans, Service Plans, and/or CSEPs
Grades 3-5	No calculator allowed.	No calculator allowed.
Grade 6	Online Desmos four-function calculator during calculator segments and performance tasks only.	Students may use a four-function handheld/adaptive calculator* if listed as an accommodation for calculator segments and performance tasks only.
		Students may use the Online Desmos four-function calculator and/or a handheld/adaptive calculator for all items if the case conference committee determines the accommodation is appropriate based on student needs.
Grades 7-8	Online Desmos scientific calculator during calculator segments and performance tasks only.	Students may use a scientific handheld/adaptive calculator if listed as an accommodation for calculator segments and performance tasks only.
		Students may use the Online Desmos scientific calculator and/or handheld/adaptive calculator for all items if the case conference committee determines the accommodation is appropriate based on student needs as defined in IDOE's Accessibility and Accommodations Information for Statewide Assessment document.

*IDOE understands four-function calculators may be difficult to procure, and those available for purchase may have additional features, such as percentage, positive/negative, or memory functions which do not provide additional benefit. Please contact IDOE directly if you have additional questions regarding appropriate calculators for the assessment.

Science Assessment	General Education Students	Students with IEPs, Section 504 Plans, Service Plans, and/or CSEP
Grades 4 and 6	No calculator allowed.	Students may use a four-function handheld/adaptive calculator on all items if listed as an accommodation.
Biology	No calculator allowed.	Students may use a scientific handheld/adaptive calculator on all items if listed as an accommodation.

I AM

The online Desmos four-function calculator is allowed for all students.

Students may use a handheld or adaptive calculator if listed as an accommodation in the student's IEP. Handheld or special calculators may not exceed the functionality of a four-function calculator.

ISTEP+ Retest Mathematics

For online test sessions that allow calculator use, students may use the Online Desmos Graphing Calculator or a handheld/adaptive calculator¹. For paper test sessions that allow calculator use, students may use a handheld or adaptive calculator¹.

The functionality of the handheld/adaptive calculator:

- does not exceed that of a graphing calculator; and
- does not meet or exceed the following criteria:
 - Calculators with QWERTY keypads
 - Calculators with a computer algebra system (CAS) or dynamic algebra system
 - Calculators with infrared communication functionality
 - Calculators with paper tapes
 - Calculators that require an electrical outlet
 - Calculators that make noise or “talk”
 - Restriction does not apply to students with visual impairments.

For students with IEPs, Section 504 Plans, Service Plans, and/or CSEP, the student may use a calculator (either online or handheld) for all items if a calculator accommodation is noted in the plan.

¹ TAs must oversee the use of the handheld calculator to ensure use only during appropriate test segments. Misuse of a calculator may result in a test invalidation for an assessment needed by a student to fulfill graduation requirements.

Additional Guidance for all assessments:

- Pocket organizers, handheld computers, laptop computers, electronic writing pads, cellular phones, smart watches, and digital music players are prohibited for use as a calculator on all state assessments.
- The memory, stored programs, and applications in each personal calculator should be cleared before and after testing. Students should be told prior to the test day to store all software and data they wish to save on a computer or calculator not being used for the test.
- Sharing of calculators during a test session is prohibited.