

Subject: STJ Calculator Policy for Math Classes

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to inform you about an upcoming change to calculator use in our mathematics department at St. Joseph High School.

As technology continues to evolve, calculators now offer a wide variety of advanced features. While these tools can be helpful, they can also create inconsistencies in student learning and assessment. To ensure fairness, clarity, and equal opportunity for all students, our school will be implementing a standardized calculator policy.

What is changing?

Beginning with the 2026/2027 school year, only approved calculators will be permitted for use in math classes, tests, and exams. These approved models (listed at the end of this letter) have been carefully selected to support student learning while maintaining an even playing field across all classrooms.

Exam use and school-provided calculators

During major assessments and exams, students will only be permitted to use one of the school-approved calculators. The school will provide a designated calculator (Casio FX-300MS) for students to borrow during exam periods if a student does not have one of the approved calculators. This ensures that all students are working under the same conditions.

Why is this change being made?

This decision was made to:

- Promote fairness and consistency among students
- Reduce reliance on overly advanced calculator features
- Support stronger development of fundamental mathematical skills
- Simplify expectations for both students and teachers

What families need to know

- A list of approved calculator models will be shared with students and posted on our school website.
- Students are encouraged to bring one of the approved calculators for daily classroom use.
- If a student does not have access to an approved calculator, please contact the school so we can support you.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to create a fair and supportive learning environment for all students. If you have any questions, please contact your child's math teacher, math department learning leader, or a school administrator.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ryan Rau

Math Department Learning Leader

St. Joseph High School

List of approved calculators:

Casio FX-300MS –Recommended

TI-30XIIS

Sharp EL531XT



Many colours available