



# SOUTHERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OCEAN COUNTY

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Calculators have become an important technological tool in the study of mathematics. Students are permitted and encouraged to use calculators on the New Jersey High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and Advanced Placement (AP) examinations. Understanding how to use the calculator as a mathematical tool will help give your child an advantage when taking these examinations.

Students enrolled in Algebra 1 or higher are encouraged to purchase their own *graphing* calculator such as the Texas Instruments TI-83Plus or higher. This type of calculator will be sufficient for math courses through Calculus. Many large stores run sales on these calculators in August. Teachers will have a limited number of graphing calculators available for classroom use for students who do not wish to purchase their own. Students are strongly encouraged to place their names on their calculators.

Please note, while calculators are a valuable tool in the study of mathematics, the importance of mastering basic skills with and without the use of calculators will be stressed in all math classes. There will be tests/quizzes and other assessments when calculators will be permitted and times when they will not.

Please contact my office at 597-9481 ext. 4263, or your child's math teacher, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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