





To parents of 8th grade Algebra students only,

This year students enrolled in 8th grade Algebra are required to purchase a graphing calculator. Students will be taught how to use the calculators in class. The graphing calculator is a tool that has been shown to increase students' conceptual, problem solving, and operational skills in mathematics.

This calculator will be used in subsequent math and science classes at the high school. The supply list suggests that students purchase any number of TI models. All of these calculators have similar features and their differences are basically insignificant (see below).

If a student has a different model of a graphing calculator available for their use they are welcome to use it although some of the features used in class may not be available to them. Feel free to contact Mike Joynt, 8th grade Algebra teacher, via email if you have any questions or concerns at the following address: michael.joynt@wfbschools.com

MODEL COMPARISON CHART:

				
	TI-Nspire™	TI-84 Plus Silver Edition	TI-84 Plus	TI-83 Plus
Key Features				
Memory ROM/RAM	16MB/20MB	1.5MB/24K	480K/24K	160K/24K
USB Cable Included	•	•	•	
Downloadable SAT*/ACT** prep questions	•	•	•	•
Removable Faceplate		•		
Organizer Preloaded		•		
TI-83 Plus Compatibility	•	•	•	•
Allowed on SAT*, ACT**, AP*	•	•	•	•
Interchangeable Keypads	•			
Pre-Loaded Apps for These Courses				
Pre-Algebra	•	•	•	•
Algebra 1&2	•	•	•	•
Trigonometry	•	•	•	•
Geometry	•	•	•	
Precalculus	•	•		
Statistics	•	•	•	•
Business & Finance	•	•	•	•
Biology	•	•	•	•
Physics	•	•	•	•
Chemistry	•	•		
Calculus	•			