

Mathematics & ELA Assessment Tools Guide

Mathematics Calculator Policy

Calculator accessibility is determined by grade level. Official full guidance is available through the [Test Coordinator Manual](#).

- **Grades 3–5:** No calculators permitted (unless an approved accommodation is in place).
- **Grades 6–7:** Four-function calculators (including square root and percentage keys).
- **Grade 8:** Scientific calculators.

Usage & Hand-held Rules

- **Embedded Tools:** Calculators are built into the computer-based testing platform for relevant sections.
- **Hand-held Option:** Students may use their own hand-held devices, provided a Test Administrator confirms they meet policy requirements.
- **Memory Management:** Calculators with memory are allowed; however, administrators must clear all memory before and after testing.

Mathematics Tools: Rulers & Protractors

Tools are provided based on the testing format (Computer-based vs. Paper-based).

Grade	Rulers	Protractors
Grade 3	Provided (Digital/Shipped)	Not Required
Grades 4–7	Provided (Digital/Shipped)	Provided (Digital/Shipped)
Grade 8	Provided (Digital/Shipped)	Optional (Hand-held only)

Note: For computer-based testing, these tools are integrated directly into the platform

Geometry Tools & Reference Sheets



- **Optional Geometry Tools:** Tracing paper, reflection tools, straight edges, and compasses are allowable for Grade 8 only. Schools are **not required** to purchase these if they are not used in daily instruction.
- **Reference Sheets:** Students may practice with sheets found on the Resource Support Site. However, only official sheets shipped to the school are permitted during the actual test; classroom copies must be destroyed after use.

English Language Arts (ELA) / Literacy

Reading

- **Videos:** Students can slow down or speed up videos. There are six different speeds at which to view them. Closed captions and a full text script accompany each video.

Writing

- **Prose-Constructed Response:** A Spellcheck tool is available for all students for their written response.
- **Rubrics:** While rubrics should be used for instructional purposes prior to the assessment, students are **not permitted** to access them during the actual testing session.
- **Scratch Paper:** Students **are permitted** and encouraged to use unused scratch paper (blank, lined, or graph) to plan their writing. Students can request more scratch paper during the section, if needed.