

To: Parents and Students

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From: Schoharie Senior High School Mathematics Department

Re: **Calculator Recommendations**

A Texas Instruments – **TI-30 XII or TI-30XA** calculator is recommended for all students enrolled in the following courses:

Pre-Algebra, Integrated Algebra, and Introduction to Geometry

**However, if you are taking Integrated Algebra OR Introduction to Geometry and plan on going on to Integrated Geometry (with Regents exam), you may want to purchase a graphing calculator now (see below).*

A Texas Instruments **TI-nspire** graphing calculator is recommended for students enrolled in the following courses:

Integrated Geometry, Algebra II with Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus.

It is important that students have the correct calculator. All instruction will be based on the above calculators only. Also, when students have the correct calculator at home they become proficient in using it. This has a very big impact on their performance in the course and on the regent's exam. In the past, we have found an internet site, OfficeDepot.com that has good sales in the beginning of September, you may want to look into.

If you purchase a graphing calculator, **please save the UPC code on the package**. We save them and redeem them for free equipment from Texas Instruments. We have been able to get some nice equipment, which is very helpful for class instruction. Please hand in any saved UPC codes to Ms. Loucks in September.

If your child receives free or reduced lunch, we may be able to get them a calculator free of charge. There is a local charity called The Rolphie Fund that donates money to the school to be used to purchase things for students that can't afford to buy them. Please have your child let their math teacher know, or you may contact their math teacher directly.

Additional supplies for math class on back:

- 3-ring binder
- loose leaf paper
- pocket folder
- 5 pens and 5 pencils
- graph paper
- AAA batteries for graphing calculator
 - compass – Geometry classes only
 - spiral notebook – Pre-Algebra only

Have an enjoyable summer!

We look forward to seeing you in September.

The SCS Math Department