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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, all students enrolled in District 156 mathematics classes will be required to have a TI-84 calculator. The new McDougal-Littell mathematics series adopted this year incorporates the TI-84 graphing calculator as a teaching tool and it is used by students in problem-solving. Students in courses taught using the Saxon and Freeman math series also need to have a graphing calculator. We expect that your investment in this calculator will serve your student throughout high school and into college.

This requirement affects students signed up for Algebra I, I-a, I-b; Algebra II-2; Geometry, I-1, I-2, I-3; Advanced Algebra with Trigonometry; Geo-Trig; Pre-Calculus; Discrete Mathematics; Intro to Statistics; and Calculus. Any student who does not need a TI-84 graphing calculator will be notified by his or her math teacher. ***Any upperclassman who currently owns a TI-83 graphing calculator will not be required to purchase a new graphing calculator.***

Students may choose to purchase or rent a TI-84 graphing calculator. The district will be renting a limited number of calculators on a first-come-first-served basis, for \$35.00 per school year. Rental agreements will be available during textbook distribution days which are scheduled for August 7, 8, 11, and 12 at both East and West Campuses. Students may also opt to purchase their own calculator. They are available at most electronics retail outlets and also may be purchased new or used on line at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), [www.Ebay.com](http://www.Ebay.com), or [www.cheapgraphingcalculators.com/Texas-Instruments/TI-84](http://www.cheapgraphingcalculators.com/Texas-Instruments/TI-84). Various resale stores may also have graphing calculators available.

We are getting this information out to parents so that you and your child have time to purchase a TI-84 graphing calculator before the new school year starts on August 18. Any parent who has questions should contact either East Campus at 815.385.1145 or West Campus at 815.385.7077.

Thank you for your help in supporting quality education at McHenry High School.

Sincerely,

Gina R. Swinney  
Assistant Superintendent