

“talk” or make noise, models that require an electrical outlet, electronic writing pads or pen-input/stylus-driven devices (e.g., Palm, PDAs, Casio ClassPad 300), and cell phone calculators are not allowed. If a student has a calculator with a large display (characters 1-inch high or more) or a display raised from the horizontal (a tilted or hinged screen) that may be visible to other examinees, that student should be seated at the back of the testing room. Calculators with infrared communication capabilities are permitted. However, because data can be exchanged between these calculators if they are aligned and very close together, proctors should make sure students keep their calculators sufficiently far apart during the exam and that calculators’ infrared ports are not facing each other.

Since graphing calculators can be used to store data, including text, proctors should monitor that students are using their calculators appropriately. Attempts by students to use the calculator to remove exam questions and/or answers from the room may result in the invalidation of AP Exam grades.

It is advisable that schools have a supply of appropriate calculators on hand. If a student does not have a calculator, or arrives with an unacceptable calculator, you should be able to provide a substitute. If a student’s calculator malfunctions during the administration, you can offer a calculator from your supply. If the student is unable to use the offered calculator, or is unfamiliar with its operation, telephone AP Services immediately.

Calculator Release Statement

If the option of providing a calculator is not feasible, or if a student does not want to use a calculator, he or she can take an exam without one. However, if a student chooses to take an exam without a calculator, he or she must hand copy, date, and sign the Calculator Release Statement that follows and indicate the name of the exam being taken. Return the release statement in the Irregularity Report return envelope in the exam shipment.

Calculator Release Statement

It is my decision to take the AP [Calculus] [Chemistry] [Physics] [Statistics] Exam without a calculator. I will not use the absence of a calculator as a reason to challenge my grade on this exam.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ AP #: _____

Calculus

Both the multiple-choice and free-response sections of the AP Calculus AB and Calculus BC Exams contain questions that require a graphing calculator and questions that do not allow the use of a graphing calculator. Each student is expected to bring a graphing calculator that can:

- Plot the graph of a function within an arbitrary viewing window
- Find the zeros of functions (solve equations numerically)
- Numerically calculate the derivative of a function
- Numerically calculate the value of a definite integral

These capabilities should be built into the calculator. If these capabilities are not built into a student’s calculator, the student should enter appropriate programs into the calculator prior to the exam. Students may bring up to two graphing calculators to the exam. No other types of calculators are permitted. **Calculator memories do not need to be cleared before or after the AP Calculus Exam administration. Nongraphing scientific calculators are not allowed.**

Chemistry and Physics

Calculators are not permitted on the multiple-choice sections of the AP Chemistry or Physics Exams; they are permitted for Part A of the free-response section of the AP Chemistry Exam and the entire free-response section of the AP Physics Exams. Most types of scientific and graphing calculators can be used.

Acceptable Graphing Calculators



Unacceptable Model with QWERTY Keyboard

