

Sturgis Charter Public School

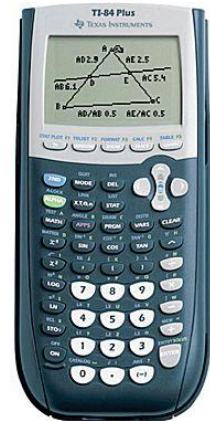
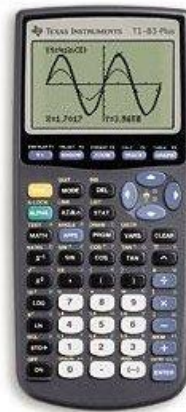


An International Baccalaureate Diploma School

Dear Parents of incoming 9th and 10th grade students,

For all mathematics classes at Sturgis, we require students to have their own **graphing calculator** each day in class, starting immediately in the 9th grade and continuing through the end of the 12th grade. This calculator should be a Texas Instruments “TI-83 Plus” or “TI-84 Plus” as shown at the right.

We strongly recommend that you purchase the calculator this summer, because stores such as Staples or Office Max run out quickly during the fall school-supply rush.



You might also consider looking for a used calculator on the Internet (for example, eBay, Amazon, or Craigslist) where some of our students have found them for a fraction of the cost. Check that the model has the word “Plus” in its name, as the older models, such as the plain TI-83, do not have the statistical functions required by the IB curriculum. There are many editions of these calculators, such as Silver, Platinum, and Titanium, and they come in a variety of colors; all of these are acceptable, as long as it has the number TI-83, TI-84, and the word “Plus.” In addition, we recommend that students NOT purchase the *rechargeable* editions, as the batteries do not hold a charge long enough for daily classroom use. (This includes the TI-84 Plus “C” Silver Edition but may include others.)

Please note that while our IB curriculum requires all students to have access to the statistical and analytical tools that are found in this level of technology, students are also frequently required to work without technology.

If you have any questions or concerns about this requirement, please contact the school office.

Thank you,

The Sturgis Mathematics Department