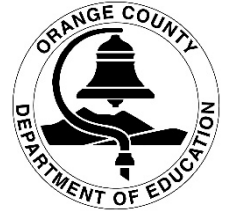




Orange County Department of Education
Educational Services Division
Orange County Academic Decathlon



Calculator Policy

I. Decathletes May Use Calculators for the Math Test and Math Super Quiz questions.

If Decathletes wish to use calculators on the Math Test, they are responsible for bringing them to the test. Calculators will not be provided for Decathletes who do not bring their own. **Calculator use is permitted only for Math**; Decathletes will not be allowed to use calculators on any other test.

Teams will be required to submit a roster that lists the Decathlete and the type of calculator, including all back-ups being used in competition. The backup calculator may only be used if the primary calculator fails to work during testing.

II. Permissible Calculators

If a Decathlete wishes to use a calculator, it can be a basic, four-function, scientific, or graphing calculator, provided it has none of the features listed in Prohibited Calculators. Decathletes that are found guilty using a prohibited calculator will be disqualified from competition for that year.

III. Prohibited Calculators

Calculators with any of the following features are NOT allowed in OCAD competitions:

- pocket organizers
- hand-held or laptop computers
- electronic writing pads or pen-input devices
- models with an alphabetic (QWERTY) keypad, e.g. TI-92 or HP-95
- models with paper tape
- models that make noise
- models that can engage in wireless communication (transfer data or information with other calculators)
- models that require a power cord
- models with CAS (computer algebra systems), e.g. TI-89, TI-Nspire CAS

NOTE: USAD has approved the TI-Nspire calculator so long as it does not have the (CAS) stamped on the back side of the machine.

Because companies are continuously introducing new products, it would be impossible for OCAD to maintain an up-to-date list of specific model numbers that possess these features. If a Decathlete is uncertain whether a particular calculator will be allowed, the Decathlete should bring a backup that does not possess any of the features in question. No backup calculator will be provided for any Decathlete whose calculator is disallowed.

IV. Competing without a Calculator

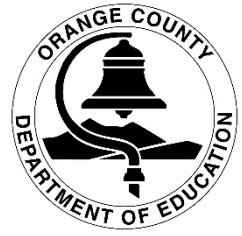
Decathletes may opt to take the Math Test without a calculator; however, OCAD suggests Decathletes use a basic, scientific, or graphing calculator for solving the trigonometry test items.

V. Calculator Failure During a Test

If a Decathlete's calculator stops working during a test, a Decathlete may use a backup calculator and/or spare batteries brought to the test as noted in section III above. If no backups were brought, the Decathlete should continue taking the test without a calculator. No additional calculator will be provided, and the Decathlete will not be allowed to take the test again later. A backup calculator can only serve as a replacement for a calculator that stops working; Decathletes are prohibited from using multiple calculators during a test.



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CALCULATOR USE FORM

School: _____

Coach's Name: _____

	First & Last Name of Decathlete	Primary Calculator Brand / Model	Back-Up Calculator Brand / Model
1.			
2.			
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