



## Graphing Calculator Policy/Program

### Calculator Borrowing Program

Students may borrow *TI-83Plus* from the math department. Students must bring a calculator borrowing form to the Math Office (room 329). The student must return calculator (in the same condition) when they have completed the course exam. If the calculator is lost, stolen or damaged while in the student's possession, the student will be obligated for the cost of a new calculator (\$90.00). To borrow a calculator, please download the directions from the RMHS Math Webpage or ask your math teacher for a copy of the directions.

### Calculator Policy

The Richard Montgomery High School Math Department has established the following policy regarding the use of calculators in our mathematics classrooms.

Graphing calculators will be used in all Algebra, Statistics, Pre-calculus, and Calculus courses. Calculators may be purchased at many area stores. If you already own a *TI-83 plus*, that will suffice for all RM math courses. The math department will instructionally support the *TI-83 plus* and *TI-84*. Both is approved for use on *H.S.A.*, *S.A.T.*, *A.P.*, and *I.B. exams*. Students may use other graphing calculators during class, but must understand ***that they may not be able to use their calculator during assessments in every math course***. Course syllabi for each course will list any calculator restrictions for that particular course. Students with other calculators must also understand that they may be at a disadvantage during instruction, as the key strokes and programs used in class are geared for working with the *TI-83 plus/TI-84*.

Graphing calculators allow students to import, store and hide inappropriate items, i.e. games, formulas, etc. If a student is using the calculator at inappropriate times during class, the instructor has the right to remove materials from the memory of the calculator.

The RMHS Math Department wants all students sitting for an assessment have an equal opportunity to demonstrate their mastery of the objectives. Students should expect to have their calculator memory cleared before and after classroom assessments in order to try to minimize opportunities for some students to have more test information than others.

Students must have their own/borrowed calculator during quizzes, tests, semester exams and high school assessments. Calculators may not be shared and any communication between calculators is prohibited during assessments. Any inappropriate use of a calculator during an assessment may result in the instructor recording a zero for the assessment.