Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium:
Calculator Availability for Operational Assessments

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For students taking the online Smarter Balanced mathematics test, no external calculators are permitted unless explicitly stated in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium: Usability, Accessibility, and Accommodations Guidelines¹.

**Grades 3 – 5 Calculator Availability**

- Smarter Balanced summative mathematics assessments for grades 3 – 5 do not allow for calculator usage.

**Grades 6 – 8 Calculator Availability**

- In grades 6 – 8, the Smarter Balanced summative mathematics assessments are divided into two sections: Calculator Available and Calculator Not Available.
- The Smarter Balanced summative mathematics assessment for grade 6 allows an embedded online four-function calculator during the Calculator Available section.
- The Smarter Balanced summative mathematics assessments for grades 7 and 8 allow an embedded online scientific calculator during the Calculator Available section.

**High School Calculator Availability**

- In high school, the Smarter Balanced summative mathematics assessments are divided into two sections: Calculator Available and Calculator Not Available.
- The Smarter Balanced summative mathematics assessments for high school allow embedded online calculators with scientific, regression, and graphing capabilities during the Calculator Available section.