Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium:

Calculator Availability for Operational Assessments

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 Guidelines*[1].

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.

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[1] For more information, please refer to the *Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium: Usability, Accessibility and Accommodations Guidelines* available at http://www.smarterbalanced.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/SmarterBalanced_Guidelines_091113.pdf. Handheld calculators allowed by the guidelines as an accommodation must have comparable functionality to the online calculators (basic in grade 6; scientific in grades 7 and 8; and scientific, regression, and graphing at high school).