Calculator Policy

Calculators are allowed only for some or all parts of paper-and-pencil AP Exams in these subjects: Biology, Calculus (AB/BC), Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics 1, Physics 2, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, and Statistics. **Note:** Calculators are **not allowed** for any other AP Exams, including Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Macroeconomics, and Microeconomics. Students may bring up to two permitted calculators to the exam. Graphing calculators must be on the approved calculator list. See page 69.

Biology

Type of Calculator	Exam Section I Multiple Choice	Exam Section II Free Response
Allowed:	Allowed	Allowed
 Four-function calculator (with square root) 		
 Scientific (nongraphing) calculator, but must not have unapproved features or capabilities (see the list of unapproved calculators and technology on page 67) Graphing calculator 		

Calculus AB/Calculus BC

Type of Calculator	Exam Section I Multiple Choice	Exam Section II Free Response
Graphing calculator required and expected to have built-in capability to:	Not allowed for Part A	Required* for Part A
 Plot the graph of a function within an arbitrary viewing window 		
 Find the zeros of functions (solve equations numerically) 	Required* for Part B	Not allowed for Part B
 Numerically calculate the derivative of a function 		
 Numerically calculate the value of a definite integral 		
 If these capabilities aren't built in, the student should enter appropriate programs into the calculator before the exam 		
• Not allowed:		
 Nongraphing and other types of calculators are prohibited, even as a second calculator 		

^{*&}quot;Required" indicates some questions cannot be answered without a graphing calculator and **no** other calculator type is permitted.

Chemistry

Гуре of Calculator	Exam Section I Multiple Choice	Exam Section II Free Response
Allowed:	Not allowed	Allowed
 Scientific (nongraphing) calculator (recommended), but must not have unapproved features or capabilities (see the list of unapproved calculators and technology on page 67) 		
Graphing calculator		
 Four-function calculator (not recommended) 		

Environmental Science

Type of Calculator	Exam Section I Multiple Choice	Exam Section II Free Response
Allowed:	Allowed	Allowed
 Four-function calculator (with square root) 		
 Scientific (nongraphing) calculator, but must not have unapproved features or capabilities (see the list of unapproved calculators and technology on page 67) 		
Graphing calculator		

Physics 1, Physics 2, Physics C: Mechanics, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism

Type of Calculator	Exam Section I Multiple Choice	Exam Section II Free Response
Allowed:	Allowed	Allowed
Four-function calculator		
 Scientific (nongraphing) calculator, but must not have unapproved features or capabilities (see the list of unapproved calculators and technology on page 67) 		
Graphing calculator		

Statistics

Type of Calculator	Exam Section I Multiple Choice	Exam Section II Free Response
Allowed:	Expected*	Expected*
 Graphing calculator with statistical capabilities expected* 		
 Scientific (nongraphing) calculator if the calculator has the required statistics computational capabilities described in the AP Statistics Course and Exam Description 		
 Computational capabilities should include standard statistical univariate and bivariate summaries, through linear regression 		
 Required capabilities may be either built in or programmed into the calculator before the exam 		
 Graphical capabilities should include common univariate and bivariate displays such as histograms, boxplots, and scatterplots 		
 It is up to the student to determine if the calculator meets the criteria of required computational and graphical capabilities 		
• Not allowed:		
 Enhancements other than those that improve the calculator's computational and/or graphical functionalities are prohibited. Unapproved enhancements include, but are not limited to, keying or scanning text or response templates into the calculator 		

^{*} Although scientific calculators with computational capabilities (standard statistical univariate and bivariate summaries, through linear regression) are allowed, students are expected to use a graphing calculator.