

Calculators and the PSAT

Calculator Plan:

- For the 2016 administration of the PSAT, calculators will only be available for juniors since they are the only grade eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program tied to PSAT performance.
- The plan is also based on the total number of calculators and juniors on each campus. With a borrowing plan from feeder middle schools, each high school will have enough calculators to supply one to each junior if needed.
- We will **not** have calculators available for 8th, 9th and 10th grade since we do not have enough calculators to fairly distribute beyond 11th grade.
- Per College Board, a calculator is not needed for the PSAT (they are not allowed for one Math section) and they recommend for students to bring their own (like the SAT) since they are familiar with it.

| Campus | TI Nspire Count as of 8/31/16 |
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| BMS | 430 |
| CMMS | 380 |
| DCMS | 309 |
| DMS | 390 |
| FCMS | 310 |
| FSMS | 300 |
| GMS | 270 |
| HBMS | 230 |
| JBMS | 260 |
| LOMS | 360 |
| MCMS | 410 |
| QVMS | 300 |
| SLMS | 330 |
| SMS | 310 |

| Campus | TI Nspire Count as of 8/31/16 | 11th Graders as of 9/8/16 | Plan for Borrowing |
|--------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| AHS | 510 | 637 | 5 sets (150) from GMS |
| BHS | 517 | 534 | 2 sets (60) from DCMS |
| CHS | 600 | 597 | 1 set (30) from FSMS |
| DHS | 540 | 556 | 2 sets (60) from DMS |
| EHS | 480 | 530 | 3 sets (90) from QVMS |
| HHS | 480 | 527 | 3 sets (90) from LOMS |
| KHS | 510 | 615 | 5 sets (150) from SLMS |
| MHS | 360 | 265 | |
| RPHS | 465 | 573 | 5 sets (150) from BMS |
| THS | 570 | 685 | 5 sets (150) from JBMS |
| WHS | 330 | 291 | |
| FHCL | 120 | 15 | |
| PHS | 79 | | |

Communication Plan:

- Jennifer Castle will communicate Borrowing Plan with respective math department heads and her team will be in charge of picking up and delivering the Nspires to the appropriate campuses.
- We recommend that the CACs assign the math department heads to be over the calculators as their duty on the PSAT day to ensure proper distribution.
- A district message has gone out via School Messenger to all 8th-11th grade parents about the PSAT in general and the calculator plan in specific.
- Campus Assessment Coordinators (CAC) will also reinforce this consistent calculator plan in their campus based communication to students and parents.
- The campus principal should also message the calculator plan to students and parents with an emphasis on students bringing their own calculators via daily announcements, newsletters, and website.