



To Parents of Incoming MTS Seventh and Eighth Graders:

To keep pace with the high schools' expectations that their students be proficient in graphing calculator technology, we require each of our 7th and 8th graders to own a TI-84 or TI-84 Plus graphing calculator. (The lowest price we found was at the Office Depot and Target, although you may find more competitive prices on-line.) Because stores tend to be sold out during the first weeks of school, we recommend procuring the calculator as early as possible. The graphing calculator, a competent mathematics computer, will be of use throughout high school, if not beyond. Most high schools use them, with independent high schools generally requiring their purchase.

The calculators are not a substitute for written or mental calculation, as we require our students to be proficient in both. Students will not be allowed to use the calculators on routine homework assignments except as specified by the teacher. Tests are taken without the calculators or in two parts designated to be done with and without the calculators.

Sincerely,

MTS Mathematics Department