



Dear Parent,

When it comes to your child's education, your son or daughter's best interest is my highest priority. Careful instruction and encouragement – and the right classroom learning tools – are essential for your child to achieve success and their potential in math and science.

As we begin the new school year, I remain committed to providing your child the guidance they need to acquire a deeper understanding of math and science.

To help your child develop the critical thinking skills that will make a difference in their future, I plan to use an array of educational tools – including graphing calculators – this school year in the following classes:

Since our school has only a limited supply of graphing calculators, I am recommending that each of my students purchase one for their own individual use. In this request, I both appreciate and look forward to your understanding and support.

The advantages to your child owning a graphing calculator: Purchasing one now will allow your son or daughter to become familiar and increasingly proficient in using it. Your child will benefit from having it for both in-class assignments and homework.

It's a flexible learning tool: A graphing calculator can help your child visualize math and science concepts in a way that contributes positively to their growing skill sets. A graphing calculator can help your aspiring student excel in a range of subjects that includes algebra, geometry, statistics, chemistry, physics, calculus and others.

It's a long-term investment: Your child should be able to use their graphing calculator year after year – in middle school, high school and even college. You'll find that most TI models, for example, come with upgradeable features and sizeable memory.

Graphing calculators are also permitted or even required on a number of high stakes exams:

- SAT* and ACT* College Entrance Exams
- AP* Calculus, AP* Chemistry, AP* Physics and AP* Statistics exams
- Our state's standard math test, the _____

If you have any questions about the educational value of graphing calculators being used in the classroom or to discuss the specific needs of your child, please do not hesitate to contact me at _____.

Respectfully,

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