

Mineola High School
Department of Mathematics

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Students who are enrolled in our Calculus AB, Calculus BC and Pre-Calculus courses will be making use of the TI-89 graphic calculators. These calculators are essentially hand-held computers with screens that allow students to see the graphs of equations that previously they were only able to roughly sketch. The use of this tool enables students to explore more complex concepts and applications in the study of mathematics. The ability to effectively make use of this technology will greatly enhance the learning and mastery of the course being taught this year.

It will be necessary for students to take a calculator back and forth between home and school, as all teachers will be assigning homework questions which will be "calculator-active." For those not purchasing their own calculator, we will have a set of calculators for students to borrow for the school year (or until they purchase their own). Students will be required to sign out these calculators much the same way they do a textbook.

The only problem is that the replacement value of these calculators is approximately \$135.00. *If your child loses, vandalizes, or destroys the calculator, or if the calculator is stolen, that \$135.00 will have to be paid by the student for a replacement as is done with lost or damaged textbooks.*

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD RETURN THIS FORM TO
THE BOOKROOM**

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Student's Name: _____ Math Teacher: _____
Math Course: _____ Period: _____

Please check one:

_____ I would like to sign out a TI-89 calculator from the Mathematics Department. *I understand that its current replacement value is \$135.00.*

Student Signature: _____

_____ I will be purchasing my own calculator.

Student Signature: _____

I have read the information regarding the issuance of the TI-89 Graphic Calculator.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____