



UIL Science Contest Approved Calculator List

~ Effective for the 2020-2021 school year ~

A simple scientific calculator is sufficient for the high school Science contest. The use of tablets, cell phones, smart watches or other types of electronic devices is prohibited. The proliferation of calculators with advanced computer-like features has made it necessary to identify an approved list of calculators for UIL Science. The approved calculators are widely available and typically priced at \$10-\$15 or less.

The following calculators are acceptable for use in the Science contest:

- Casio FX-260 (*includes all single-line display variants*)
- Sharp EL-501X
- TI-30Xa (*includes TI-30Xa Solar School Edition*)
- TI-30XIIS

Only the models listed above are allowed during the contest.

Notes: Some of the listed models are available in different colors; any color variation of the listed models is acceptable. The UIL website includes links to the company specifications for each of the listed calculators. Compare against these specifications if unsure about a particular calculator.

For each calculator listed, the model number is clearly visible on the body of the device. Do not cover the model number with stickers or other items that would prevent it from being seen easily by the contest director.

Before the contest begins, contest directors should verify by brief visual inspection that each contestant is using an approved calculator. No clearing or other action is necessary.

Contestants may use up to two approved calculators during the contest, and may bring spare batteries. If a contestant does not have one of the approved calculator models, they may use a simple 4-function calculator for the contest. No other models or types of calculators are permitted beyond those on the approved list, or a simple 4-function calculator if a contestant does not have one of the approved models. Contestants may also test without a calculator.