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Calculator Usage in Mathematics Courses at Northwest Vista College

- MATH 0300:

- o It is an essential function of this particular course that students learn how to perform basic numerical functions without the aid of a calculator.
- Students who struggle with basic arithmetic functions should seek the help of their instructor, tutor, or the Access office for helpful methods in which they can build proficiency.

- MATH 0301:

- o On the first test, calculator use by ALL students is at the discretion of the instructor.
 - Following the first test, students with disabilities who are approved by the Access office to use calculators may only use a 4 function (add, subtract, multiply, divide) calculator, or another calculator approved by the instructor.
- Students who do not have disabilities or are not explicitly approved by the Access office may use calculators at the discretion of the instructor.

- MATH 0302 and above:

- o All students may use calculators at the discretion of the instructor.
- Students with disabilities may use calculators when the instructor receives a letter from the Access office approving them for that particular accommodation. If the letter is not received, calculator use is at the discretion of the instructor.

This policy was developed and approved as a collaborative endeavor between the Mathematics Department and the Access office at Northwest Vista College. Students or instructors are welcome to provide feedback on this policy to the Access office or the chair of the Mathematics department.

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