SMCHS Calculator Policy

It is the goal of the Santa Margarita Catholic High School Math Department to engage students in the learning process while staying on the cutting edge of technology. In order to reach this goal the Santa Margarita Catholic High School Math Department has begun to integrate the use of the Ti-Nspire CX Handheld into every math class. This handheld technology has an incredible amount of features that support the teaching of mathematics from multiples perspectives and will be used as a medium for student engagement and participation in the learning process. The TI-Nspire CX handheld will be listed as required material for all freshmen taking Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 level courses.   These calculators and their programs will be used throughout all math courses students will take while at SMCHS.

Santa Margarita has secured an economical price of $128.50 plus tax for the handheld, which is substantially lower than any other price state online or by retail outlets.

During SMCHS Online Book Sales, if you are an identified student in one of the course levels listed above, when you purchase your textbooks and materials, the price of $128.50 plus tax will be listed as a mandatory fee for your math class. When you come on campus to pick up your books and materials, you will find a verification letter in your box of books and materials, confirming your purchase of the TI-Nspire CX Handheld. The handheld itself, however, will be distributed to all students during the first week of school in math classes where instruction will also take place relative to basic features, online resources, accessories, etc.

If you choose to purchase your books in person, you will receive the same verification letter upon purchase, and your student will then receive the handheld in class, according to the outline above.

Features of the TI-Nspire CX Handheld as well as the TI-Navigator System which will be implemented can be found by accessing the links below:

[TI-Nspire CX Handheld](#)

[TI-Nspire Navigator](#)

*Please note that the required technology is the NON-CAS (No Computer Algebra System) version of the TI-Nspire CX handheld.