

CALCULATOR & TECHNOLOGY POLICY

University of Houston Math Contest 2026

Calculators are REQUIRED for all UH Math Contest exams in 2026.

Students may or may not need a calculator for every question – but should keep one available for questions where it is needed.

What is permitted?

Students are permitted to use any computational tool on these exams, including scientific calculators, graphing calculators, programming languages, GeoGebra, Desmos, Excel, pencil and paper, etc.

Students are permitted to use more than one of the above tools on any given exam.

What is NOT permitted?

AI technology such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Llama, and other LLMs (large language models) are NOT permitted to be used on any portion of the UH Contest exams. Also prohibited are similar math-specific tools including, but not limited to: Mathway, Photomath, MathPapa, QuickMath, and Math Solver – which either give step-by-step instructions or step-by-step solutions, or give an immediate answer when multiple steps are being computed in the background of the tool. Wolfram Alpha is also NOT permitted.

The related Contest Honor Policy is below.

By taking any University of Houston Math Contest exam, you are affirming the following: I promise that I will not commit any acts of academic dishonesty during, before, or after the administration of this test. Academic honesty violations include (but are not limited to) the following: sharing questions during the exam, sharing answers during the exam, using unauthorized software (anything other than a calculator or other computational tool), getting online or in-person help, having others take the exam for me, using notes or books, using formula sheets, taking an exam that is inconsistent with the [Contest Enrollment Rules](#), or using any prohibited technology.