



Dear Form 5 Parents,

All the Mathematics courses in the IB Diploma require each pupil to own and be proficient in the use of a graphing (or graphic) calculator. There are many models available, however, many are not acceptable to the IBO and may not be used.

It is vital that each student starts the Lower 6th with a graphing (or graphic) calculator. Having checked the internet to find how easy it is to purchase them, my strong suggestion is that you look for one of the calculators from the CASIO FX 9860 range (we recommend Casio due to the expertise in the department):

- FX 9860 G**
- FX 9860 G SD**
- FX 9860G II**
- FX 9860G II SD**
- FX 9860 AU**
- FX 9860 AU Plus**

Here is a link for the UK – includes link to find a store or purchase online (about £80).

<http://www.casio.co.uk/products/calculators/graphic-calculators/Product/FX-9860GIISD-L-EH/>

Here is a link for the USA – includes link to find a store or purchase online (about £80).

http://www.casioeducation.com/products/Calculators_%26_Dictionaries/Graphing/FX-9860GII

At present, it appears that there is no shop in Brazil selling the Casio 9860 calculator. However, the model is available on Mercado Livre.

The full list of CASIO calculators that are allowed in the IB examinations is below:

FX 9860 G	FX 9860G II	FX 9860 G SD	FX 9860G II SD	FX 9860 AU
FX 9860 AU Plus	CFX 9850 Plus	FX 1.0 Plus	FX 9750 Plus	CFX 9950 Plus
Graph 35 Plus	Graph 65 Plus	Graph 85	Graph 85 SD	Cg series/fxcg10_20

The IBO restrictions are due to the range of computational functions available on each calculator and it is often the more expensive and extensive models that must be avoided.

Prohibited calculators

The following models are not allowed in examinations under any circumstances.

Texas Instruments	
TI 92 (all versions)	TI Nspire CAS (all versions)
TI Nspire (non-CAS) version 1.1 or version 1.2	TI Voyage 200 (all versions)
TI 89 (all versions)	
Casio	
FX 2.0 (all versions)	FX 9970 (all versions)
Classpad 300	Graph 100
Hewlett Packard	
HP 38-95 (all versions)	

I hope the information above helps you to make an informed purchase to help your child's progress in their future IB mathematics course

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