## FOR STUDENTS NEEDING TO PURCHASE A CALCULATOR: MORTON HIGH SCHOOL Required Calculator: TI-Nspire CX or TI-Nspire CX II

At Morton High School, all students use graphing calculators extensively in their mathematics classes, whether they are in Algebra I through AP Calculus. Students are making great strides in mathematical understanding and performance as we continue to implement the use of the TI-Nspire CX. The TI-Nspire CX II became available in summer 2019, and will eventually phase out the CX. It is of critical importance that students obtain a calculator from the approved list because MHS mathematics teachers have demonstration software for these specific devices, and it reduces the amount of class time spent on teaching students how to use the calculator.

#### Teachers will support both the TI-Nspire CX and the TI-Nspire CX II.

In past years, Texas Instruments has offered schools a special opportunity to collect proof of purchase cards from students to be used towards a free TI-Nspire products, including the TI-Nspire Navigator system. This system would allow us to wirelessly network graphing calculators to the teacher's computer, giving teachers the ability to let students demonstrate what they are doing to the class, receive document files from their teacher on their Nspire, and even use their calculator as a way to answer questions the teacher has posed to the class.

If you will be purchasing a new TI-Nspire CX or TI-Nspire CX II between now and the start of the 2020-2021 school year, would you please return the entire "compare models" card that comes with the calculator to your child's math teacher? It will help us to obtain free products at no cost to the district. There is a picture of this card included on the next page. You must return the entire card, not just the "TI Points."

DO **NOT** PURCHASE THE TI-NSPIRE CX-CAS OR TI-NSPIRE CX II-CAS. Although the CAS is allowed on the SAT, these calculators are not allowed on the ACT and thus not allowed for students enrolled in MHS courses other than AP Calculus or AP Statistics. While it is allowed in those courses, it is NOT required.

Thanks for helping us make sure your child receives the best possible mathematics education with the latest tools available.

If the purchase of a graphing calculator will place an undue financial burden on your family, please contact your counselor or your math teacher.

Be sure to save the <u>entire card</u> with the TI Technology points and turn it in to any math teacher! With enough collected, the department will be able to earn software for use with your students!

# The technology students need. The value you want.

### Get TI-Nspire" CX handhelds for math and science learning without impacting the school budget.

#### Many schools and districts have adopted a student-purchase program to help bring handheld technology into their math and science classrooms.

They have made this shift to help ease the pressure of decreasing budgets while offering competitive, technology-rich classrooms. Providing the best tools for student success is a top priority for every educator.

#### Research<sup>†</sup> findings

When students own a handheld for use in class and at home, they are able to develop a deeper understanding of concepts, Research also shows improvements in scores on national, state and school-level tests.

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#### Longevity of use

A handheld purchase offers years of use – from middle grades through college – in a wide range of subjects, including:

Middle Grades Math	Geometry	Statistics	Biology
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Algebra 1 & 2	Trigonometry	Physics:	

#### Long-term support

Curricular content, professional development and training, free technical support, software updates and parent communications are a few of the many educator support resources that are a staple of Ti educational technology.



TI-Nspire" CX handheld



#### Handheld/software bundle

Each TI-Nspire CX and TI-Nspire" CX CAS handheld purchased at a retail or retail online store comes together with TI-Nspire" Student Software (PC or Mac") for home use. Students can learn with the handheld in class and the software on a desktop or laptop computer at home or college. Handheld and software functionality are virtually identical.

#### Exam acceptance

The Ti-Nspire" CX handheld and the Ti-Nspire" CX CAS handheld" are permitted on a growing number of state math and science tests and college entrance exams that include:

- \*\*The TI-Napire CX CAS handheld is not permitted on the ACT or IB exams.

#### Free test prep and more with student purchase

Students who purchase a TI-Nspire CX or TI-Nspire CX CAS handheld can download free SAT and ACT practice questions from The Princeton Review for review on their handheld.

#### Enhanced graphing and computer features for the TI-Nspire CX handheld

- » Bright, backlit, full-color screen
- Touchpad enables easy navigation through screens and menus
- » Thin, lightweight design
- » Ability to upload and view photos and images
- » Multiple representations on a single screen
- Ability to save files
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