



2018-19 UPPER SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

General Supplies:

Paper, pens, pencils, highlighters, red pens

*Faculty requiring specific supplies will let students know during the first day of school.

World Languages:

Chinese, French, and Spanish students:

- headphones with a microphone that has a USB port

Math:

Graphing calculators are required in all courses Algebra I and above. Our guidelines specify that all students should have their own TI-83, TI-84, or TI-Nspire CX calculator.

Texas Instruments also has a calculator called the TI-Nspire CAS. We do not have that calculator on our list of suggested calculators for several reasons. First, the CAS system is more expensive and students will not need the additional features of the CAS for the courses taught at Porter-Gaud. Second, the CAS is prohibited on some standardized tests (the ACT has the CAS system on its restricted calculators list)! **If you purchase the TI-83, TI-84, or TI-Nspire CX you are safe on the three most common standardized tests you will take (PSAT, SAT, and ACT).**

If you accidentally purchase a TI-Nspire CAS, we do allow you to use those calculators in our classes, but you cannot use it for the ACT. Please check with your student to make sure they have a working calculator before we come back to school on August 16. The calculator guidelines for the most common standardized tests are below.

PSAT/SAT: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/taking-the-test/calculator-policy>

ACT: <http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/ACT-calculator-policy.pdf>