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To: Upper School Students and Parents

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RE: TI-84 Graphing Calculators

The Math Department has adopted the Texas Instrument TI-84 as the standard graphing calculators **required of all Seattle Academy upper school students**. Graphing calculators have become an integral part of math instruction in the secondary-school curriculum. By all students owning essentially the same model of calculator, group and cooperative instruction is easier, and projects and labs can be designed with greater specificity and depth. All of our math curriculum material is keyed for the TI-84 for use when appropriate. While there are other models of graphing calculators on the market with varied sets of features, the TI-84 was selected because of its advanced statistical and graphing features, its acceptance for use on standardized tests, and its ability to link with laptop and other computers.

The calculator can be purchased at most office supply stores for approximately \$110.00. We recognize that a graphing calculator is a significant but important investment. Because of this, the math department makes the commitment that the TI-84 will be the only calculator model required while a student is at the school. Also because of the investment, students should be reminded to record the serial number of their calculator and to label the calculator with their name and phone number so that it can be returned to them if it gets misplaced.