## BYRON P. STEELE HIGH SCHOOL

## Mathematics Department

In order to keep up with the changes in curriculum and to help your child become functional in a technological society, it has become necessary to change the focus of mathematical instruction. Teachers will use technology, manipulatives, and realistic applications in order to develop a higher proficiency in math. For this reason, teachers have implemented the use of the Texas Instruments TI-Nspire in their classrooms to analyze and interpret data.

The district has made available to each math teacher a classroom set TI-Nspires. For security purposes, certain guidelines for the use of these calculators will be implemented by your child's teacher. All calculators will have engraved identification numbers. Your child will be assigned his/her own calculator by number to be used by him/her during that class period. They will not be allowed to take the calculator out of the classroom. Some families may choose to purchase a graphing calculator for use at home. For math classes we do not recommend purchasing TI-89, TI-92, Casio98-50, or Casio FX-2. The "TI-84 plus" or the TI-Nspire would be an excellent choice.

1. It is your child's responsibility to check the calculator before using it to determine that it functions properly and has not been damaged. If the calculator is not in working order, the teacher is to be notified immediately.
2. If it is determined that your child is responsible for damage to the calculator which results in its loss, repair, or replacement, then an obligation in the amount of $\$ 100.00$ for the TI-84 or $\$ 135.00$ for the TI-Nspire will be charged to your child.

If you have questions, please contact me at ahartson@scuc.txed.net

