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PSI, the company that owns and distributes the HiSET exam, permits each state's High School Equivalency office the option to set its own policy regarding calculator use on the Math portion of the exam.

Per the PSI HiSET Program Manual:

"The HiSET Mathematics Test is calculator neutral. A calculator is not required for paper-based testing, but if a test taker requests a calculator, the test center is required to provide either a basic 4-function or scientific calculator. Which calculator to provide is determined by the state you are testing in. Note: For computer-based testing, an on-screen calculator is included with the test, but if a test taker prefers to use a handheld calculator the test center may provide one but is not required to."

In North Carolina, HiSET testing centers are permitted to provide either 4-function or scientific calculators to testers upon request. Per the HiSET manual, testers may only use calculators that are provided by the testing center; they may not bring their own calculators, and they may not use a calculator application on a mobile device. At the end of each testing session, each tester's calculator must be cleared of its memory using the procedure described in the HiSET manual.

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