We will be using the either the TI-84 (84 plus) or the TI-Nspire in class next year. While I will be teaching

exclusively from the TI-84, the TI-Nspire is a great device in that it is much more than a traditional graphing calculator.

- It has more statistical features than the TI-84+
- Approved for use on the SAT and AP exams.

Check out the TI website for more information: http://www.ti-nspire.com/tools/nspire/index.html

The TI-84 (84 plus) is a fine tool that will meet all requirements for this course. The TI-Nspire is simply more versatile and has a few extra bells and whistles. If you already have a TI-84+, it is your choice as to upgrading. A TI-83 or TI-89 graphing calculator is generally **not** recommended.



It is part of your Summer Homework assignment to obtain one of these calculators prior to the start of class.

This assignment is due Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. It will be your first quiz/exam grade—worth 100 points— for the class. Don't forget to put your name on your paper! (1 point)

- 1. Collect three newspaper, magazine or Internet journal articles that include statistical concepts. These may include things like graphs, charts or averages. They may also report conclusions made as a result of looking at data. For each of the articles, highlight the statistics mentioned and answer the following questions on another sheet of paper (10 points each):
  - a. What was the purpose of the article? Why was it written?
  - b. Were any conclusions stated? If so, what were they?
  - c. Is the article convincing? Do you believe the stated results? Explain.

BE SURE TO INCLUDE A COPY OF EACH ARTICLE <u>APPROPRIATELY MOUNTED</u> (cut out and then taped or glued to a piece of paper), WITH ITS SOURCE.

2. **Algebra I & II practice**. Copy the given information and answer each question on your own paper. On **graph paper**, sketch the graph and state the slope and y-intercept of each line (1 point each):

a. 
$$y = \frac{2}{3}(2x - 4)$$

b. 
$$3x+2y=14$$

c. 
$$\frac{1}{3}y - 6x = 4$$

Solve for the variable (show your work):

d. 
$$4(x-2) = 3^2 - x$$

e. 
$$\frac{1}{3}n + 3 = n - 2$$

f. 
$$9(2p+1)-3p > 4p-6$$

g. 
$$\frac{2}{3}y = \frac{8}{27}$$

h. 
$$(q-12)3 \le 5q+2$$

i. 
$$\frac{m}{12} + \frac{5}{6} = \frac{5}{24}$$

j. 
$$-3x^2 + 343 = 0$$

k. 
$$x^2 - 8x + 7 = 0$$

1. 
$$2\sqrt{x} + 9 = 21$$

$$m. \ \sqrt{2x+10} = x+1$$

n. 
$$\ln x = 1.6873$$

o. 
$$\log_3 81 = x$$

p. 
$$\log_3 x = 5$$

q. 
$$\log_{x} 256 = 8$$

r. 
$$\log 42.117 = .4x - 3.08$$

s. 
$$\log_5(x-4) = 0$$

Write the equation of the line containing the given points (show your work):

t. 
$$(6, -2)$$
 and  $(0, 5)$ 

u. perpendicular to: 
$$y=2x-1$$
, contains (2, 7)

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