



Online Calculators in the Test Delivery System

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About Calculators in the Test Delivery System

The Desmos HTML5 calculator is used by millions of students around the world and can be accessed from the web, or on iOS, Android and Chrome apps. This calculator is fully accessible at the WCAG 2.0 AA level (optimized for blind and visually impaired students).

Three versions will be used in ISAT assessments:

Standard Calculator

Available for: Mathematics Grade 6 and Science Grades 5

<https://www.desmos.com/fourfunction>

Scientific Calculator

Available for the following tests: Mathematics Grades 7-8, Science Grade 7

<https://www.desmos.com/scientific>

Students should use the practice tests to familiarize themselves with the scientific Desmos calculator.

Full Function Calculator

Available for the following tests: Mathematics HS, Biology End-of-Course and Chemistry End-of-Course.

<https://www.desmos.com/calculator>

The Desmos site (www.desmos.com) contains a wide array of resources to help both teachers and students become familiar with the calculator.

The full Desmos user guide is available

at: https://s3.amazonaws.com/desmos/Desmos_Calculator_User_Guide.pdf

Accessing the Sample Calculators

All sample calculators are available on the ISAT portal at <http://idaho.portal.airast.org/>. We encourage bookmarking the sample calculators so that users can easily open them. Desktop/home screen shortcuts can also be created so that the sample calculators can be accessed without an internet connection. The online calculators work on all supported browsers, as listed in the *Comprehensive Technology Manual* on the ISAT portal.

Open a Sample Calculator on Windows/Mac/Linux

1. Open your web browser and navigate to the ISAT portal at <http://idaho.portal.airast.org/>.
2. Navigate to the Resources page (see [Figure 1](#)).
3. On the Resources page, navigate to the Accessibility & Accommodations folder under either the **ELA/Literacy & Math Assessments** or **Science/EOC Assessments** folders (see [Figure 2](#)).

Note: You may also use the Advanced Search feature to find the calculator links.

Figure 1. Resources Drop-Down menu

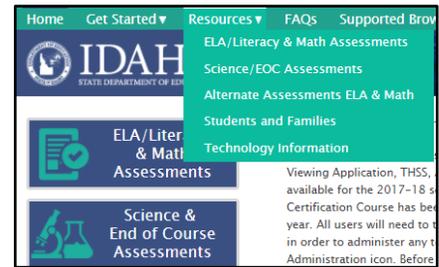
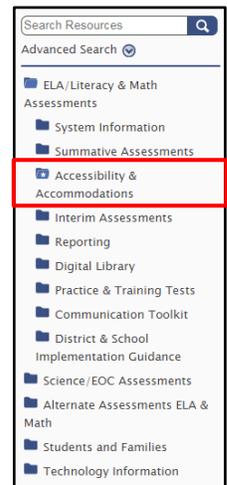


Figure 2. Accessibility & Accommodations folder



4. Click on a **[Calculator]** link.

The sample calculator you selected will open in the browser window (see [Figure 3](#)).

Figure 3. Scientific Calculator



Create a Desktop Shortcut to the Sample Calculator

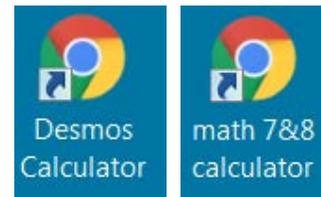
Note: Ensure the browser window does not take up the full monitor.

1. Use your mouse to hover over the lock icon in the address bar (see [Figure 4](#)).
2. Click and drag the lock icon to the desktop. A shortcut will appear that says “Calculator” and have the Google Chrome icon (see [Figure 5](#)).
3. *Optional: Rename shortcut icon*
 - a. Click in the icon text and it will become editable.
 - b. Change the text to what you want (e.g., “Graphing Calculator”).
4. Double-click the icon to open the sample calculator. It will open in Firefox.

Figure 4. Browser Window Address Bar



Figure 5. Shortcut Icons



Open a Sample Calculator on a Mobile Tablet

Save a Sample Calculator to your Home Screen for iOS 8

1. Tap the “share” icon [📎], which appears just to the left of the address bar (see [Figure 6](#)).
2. Tap the [Add to Home Screen] icon.

Figure 6. Share Icon

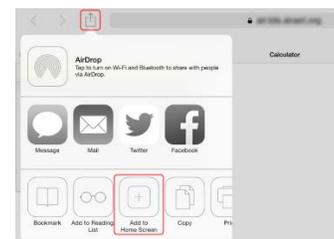
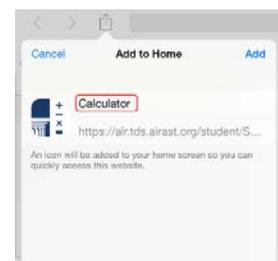


Figure 7. Rename Shortcut Icon

Optional: Rename shortcut icon

1. By default, all sample calculators are named “Calculator.”
 - a. Tap on the text that says “Calculator” (see [Figure 7](#)).



- b. Using the tablet keyboard, add or modify text (e.g., “Graphing Calculator”).

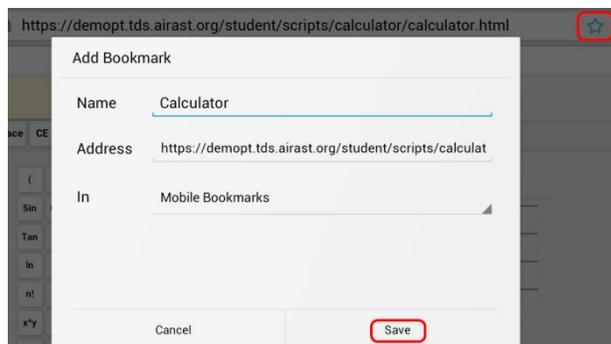
- 2. Tap the blue **[Add]** link. The shortcut icon will appear on the Home screen.

Bookmark and Add a Sample Calculator to your Home Screen for Android

Save the Sample Calculator as a Bookmark

- 1. Tap the star icon [☆], which appears on the right side of the address bar. The **Add Bookmark** screen will open (see [Figure 8](#)).
- 2. *Optional: Modify the bookmark name*
 - a. Tap the text and then use the keyboard to change the name.
 - b. Tap the down arrow to close the keyboard.
- 3. Tap **[Save]**.

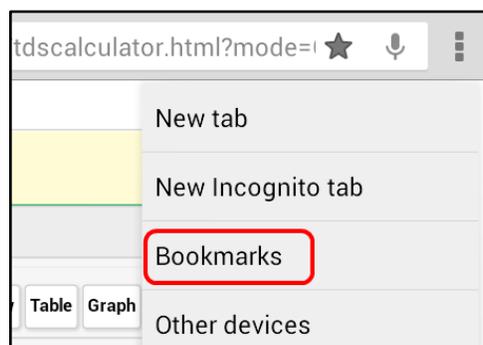
Figure 8. Save Calculator as a Bookmark



Add the Calculator Bookmark to the Home Screen

- 1. Tap the menu [☰] icon, which appears in the upper right corner. The menu will open (see [Figure 9](#)).
- 2. Tap **[Bookmarks]**. The list of your bookmarks will appear.

Figure 9. Add Calculator Bookmark to Home Screen



- 3. Tap on the calculator bookmark.
- 4. Tap the menu [☰] icon.
- 5. Tap **[Add to home screen]**. Another window will pop up (see [Figure 10](#)). Click the add button. The bookmark will be added to your tablet’s home screen.

Figure 10. Add to Home Screen

