

## **B. ALLOWABLE RESOURCE GUIDELINES**

The Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students (PAWS) and Student Assessment of Writing Skills (SAWS) are standardized assessments, used for school and district accountability determinations, and must be administered in a standardized manner. The assessments measure a student's mastery of academic knowledge and skills as defined in the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards in reading and mathematics at grades 3–8, science at grades 4 and 8, and writing in grades 3, 5, and 7. The following list contains the only material or resources to be used by students during the assessments. Use of any other resources (human, electronic, manipulative, or paper) will be considered an unethical assessment administration practice that might lead to invalidated test results.

### **Reading Test**

- Number 2 pencils
- Allowable Papers (see description on next page)

### **Mathematics Test**

- Grades 3–5: Calculators are **NOT** allowed on any part of the test.
- Grades 6–8: Four-function or scientific calculators are allowed on the calculator portions only. Calculators with the following features are **NOT** allowed:
  - Computer Algebra System (CAS), e.g., TI-89, TI-92 Plus, TI-Nspire™, ALGFX2.0, ALGFX2.0 Plus, CFX-9970
  - QWERTY keyboards (similar to typewriter keyboards)
  - Attached electronic pens
  - Graphing Calculators, e.g., TI-83, TI-83 Plus, TI-84, etc.
- Allowable Papers (see description on next page)
- Number 2 pencils

### **Science Test**

- Number 2 pencils
- Allowable Papers (see description on next page)

### **Writing Test**

- Word walls (see Writing note on next page)
- Allowable Papers (see description on next page)
- Number 2 pencils
- Hard copy dictionaries (no thesauruses)

### **ALLOWABLE RESOURCE GUIDELINES—continued**

**Allowable papers:** Students may use the following during testing: draft/scratch paper, graph/grid paper, patty/tracing paper, lined/WDE draft paper.

**Note:** Audio or digital dictionaries and spell checkers, including printouts from these resources, are **not** allowed on the assessment. Graphic organizers are **not** allowed; students may use blank paper to generate their own graphic organizers, but pre-printed graphic organizers are **not** to be provided. Word walls are limited to those that are used in regular classroom instruction, and are allowed to remain posted during testing. Posters and charts with writing process guidelines, tips, or instructions should be **removed or covered** during testing. Failure to follow these guidelines is a violation of test administration protocols and may result in disqualification of student scores.