

AP Physics Classroom Expectations

Classroom Behavior

All students will be required to adhere to the following classroom policies:

Be Prepared

1. Come to class with the appropriate materials including paper, pencil/pen, calculator, and any other materials necessary for the day's activities.
2. Enter the classroom with the appropriate attitude for learning.
3. Be punctual, in your seat and ready to learn when the tardy bell rings.
4. Cell phones, pagers, CD & MP3 players may not be operated in the classroom.

Be Respectful

1. Be a courteous and attentive listener whenever the instructor or fellow classmates are making a presentation to the class.
2. Respect the personal property of the instructor and fellow classmates. Ask before you borrow.
3. Remove hats prior to entering the classroom.
4. No foul or inappropriate language. This is a learning environment.
5. Follow all directions or instructions given by the teacher.

Be Neat

1. All work to be turned in should be done in a neat and legible manner and should include the proper identification. (Name, date, period, name of course, and assignment.)
2. Food and drink will not be allowed in the classroom. (water is an exception)
3. Gum chewing is forbidden.

Grading System

All students' grades will be determined according to the following criteria:

1. Exams will comprise 60% of your grade.
2. Labs will comprise 20% of your grade.
3. Homework, classwork and quizzes will comprise 20% of your grade.

Students will receive a letter grade for each of the items in the above categories. The letter grades will be averaged for that particular category and a final grade will be determined.

Final Exam

The final exams or projects will be worth 10 - 15% of your semester grade. All students will be required to take the final at the end of each semester.

Make-up Work

If you are absent, it is the student's responsibility to find out what work was missed and to make it up in the appropriate time period. Sources for information on missed assignments include the instructor, fellow classmates, and Internet website. Times may be arranged with the instructor to make up exams and quizzes. Any and all assignments, which are collected while you are absent, must be turned in 1 week from the students return to school. This includes quizzes and exams. Make-up work must include a completed make-up slip when turned in.

Late Work

Assignments turned in past the due date will not be accepted. Special circumstances must be discussed with the instructor. Students will have opportunities to make-up missing homework assignments with extra credit.

Tardies

Tardies will be dealt with according to the school policy outlined in the student handbook.

Classroom Activities

Warm-ups

At the beginning of most class sessions a warm-up activity will be placed on the board. This activity will pertain to something learned during previous class sessions. All warm-ups for a particular unit will be considered one homework assignment for that unit. In order to get credit for the warm-up the student must be on time to class and provide the correct answer to the activity.

Homework

Homework assignments will be given throughout the week. As a result of block scheduling students will have 2 days to complete the assignment. Homework will be collected as a packet on the first day of class after the unit exam. Packets will be graded by the instructor and returned.

Quizzes

Quizzes will be given approximately once every 1-2 weeks. Quizzes may be unannounced.

Labs

There will be approximately 1 lab per week. Most of the time a formal lab write-up will be required. Lab reports will be collected 1-2 class sessions after the assigned lab.

Exams

There will be 1 exam for each unit of study. Depending upon the length of the unit, exams will be given every 2 - 3 weeks. Exams will cover all material in the unit of study.