

Regents Physics Course Expectations

We are all in this together. I expect a classroom where you, your classmates and I can discuss, explain and learn something new each and every day. In order to be able to accomplish this goal, it is expected that you...

1. Come to class prepared every day. That means you should **always** have
 - a. A pen/pencil
 - b. Paper
 - c. Ruler with centimeters
 - d. A protractor
 - e. Your workbook
 - f. Any assignments due that day
 - g. A scientific or graphing calculator (phones/iPods don't count)
2. DO NOT use your cell phone/iPod or any other electronic device in class.
3. Complete all assignments on time.
 - a. Homework will not be accepted if they are late.
 - b. **Labs will only receive full credit if they are on time.** Late labs must be completed for Regents credit, but will not receive full credit in the calculation of the quarter grade.
 - c. If a test is missed due to illness, it must be made up within 2 days of your return to school. Tests missed because of cutting will result in a zero.
4. Respect your teachers, classmates and yourself.
5. Ask questions when you need clarification.
 - a. I can not read your mind, so if you are unclear of something, PLEASE ask as many questions as you need.
6. Take pride in your work and complete it in a way that you are proud of.
 - a. This is not about getting the correct answer on the first try every time. It is about learning something new, making some mistakes and learning from them.
 - b. Physics is a course that takes practice.
 - i. Class is a time to learn new strategies.
 - ii. Homework and labs are a time to practice what you have learned in class.
 - iii. Quizzes are scrimmages.
 - iv. Tests are the main event where you get to show off what you have learned.

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it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.”*

-Abigail Adams

Physics Grading Policies

Quarter Grades

- **Tests - 50%**
 - There will be approximately two unit tests and a cumulative exam every quarter. The average of these three exams will make up the test portion of your grade.
- **Quizzes - 20%**
 - You should expect at least one announced quiz every week.
- **Labs - 15%**
 - You will participate in over 30 labs over the course of the year.
 - Some labs will require fully typed formal lab write-ups.
 - ALL labs will only receive full credit if they are handed in on or before their due date.
 - All late labs will receive a maximum of half credit in the grade calculation.
 - *All labs must be handed in in order to qualify to take the regents exam.* Students missing labs will not qualify to sit for the exam at the end of the year.
- **Homework - 10%**
 - You should expect 4 homework assignments a week. They will be checked at the beginning of class every day. Some will be collected and graded and count twice in the grade
- **Science in your Life Responses - 5%**
 - Physics is a subject that directly relates to everything you see and experience in your everyday life. Every weekend you will be expected to post a response on my website. This will be explained further on a separate sheet.

Final Class Average

The final class average will be the average of each quarter grade and the grade received on the Regents exam at the end of the year. This means each quarter grade will count for 20% of your final course grade with the Regents accounting for the last 20%.

Advanced Physics Course Expectations

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7. Come to class prepared every day. That means you should **always** have
 - a. A pen/pencil
 - b. Paper
 - c. Ruler with centimeters
 - d. A protractor
 - e. Your workbook
 - f. Any assignments due that day
 - g. A scientific or graphing calculator (phones/iPods don't count)
8. DO NOT use your cell phone/iPod or any other electronic device in class.
9. Complete all assignments on time.
 - a. Homework will not be accepted if they are late.
 - b. **Labs will only receive full credit if they are on time.** Late labs must be completed for Regents credit, but will not receive full credit in the calculation of the quarter grade.
 - c. If a test is missed due to illness, it must be made up within 2 days of your return to school. Tests missed because of cutting will result in a zero.
10. Respect your teachers, classmates and yourself.
11. Ask questions when you need clarification.
 - a. I can not read your mind, so if you are unclear of something, PLEASE ask as many questions as you need.
12. Take pride in your work and complete it in a way that you are proud of.
 - a. This is not about getting the correct answer on the first try every time. It is about learning something new, making some mistakes and learning from them.
 - b. Physics is a course that takes practice.
 - i. Class is a time to learn new strategies.
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Advanced Physics Grading Policies

Quarter Grades

- **Tests - 50%**
 - There will be approximately two unit tests and a cumulative exam every quarter. The average of these three exams will make up the test portion of your grade.
- **Quizzes - 20%**
 - You should expect at least one announced quiz every week.
- **Labs - 15%**
 - You will participate in over 30 labs over the course of the year.
 - MOST labs will require fully typed formal lab write-ups.
 - These will include an abstract, background paragraph, and conclusion paragraph
 - ALL labs will only receive full credit if they are handed in on or before their due date.
 - All late labs will receive a maximum of half credit in the grade calculation.
 - All labs must be handed in in order to qualify to take the regents exam. Students missing labs will not qualify to sit for the exam at the end of the year.
- **Homework - 10%**
 - You should expect 4 homework assignments a week. They will be checked at the beginning of class every day. Some will be collected and graded and count twice in the grade.
- **Weekly Blogs - 5%**
 - Physics is a subject that directly relates to everything you see and experience in your everyday life. Every weekend you will be expected to post a response on my website. This will be explained further on a separate sheet.

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