**Physics**

**Class Procedures, Guidelines, and Expectations**

**2020-2021**

**Mrs. Lange** Room 2176

**Materials Required:**

Scientific or Graphing Calculator

Three Ring Binder (or binder system) with Loose Leaf Paper

Lab Notebook (**Quad Lined/preferably spiral bound**)\*

Notebook

Pens and Pencils

\* may not be needed for 2020-2021 school year

**Grading Procedure:**

Grade Break Down Grading Curve

Formative/Interim

Assignments 10% A = 93 % - 100%

Lab Reports 20% A- = 90 % - 92 %

Summative

Quizzes 25% B+ = 87 % - 89 %

Tests 45% B = 83 % - 86 %

Cumulative Semester Score = 100% B- = 80 % - 82 % C+ = 77 % - 79 %

C = 73 % - 76 %

Semester Grade C- = 70 % - 72 %

Cumulative Semester Score 90% D+ = 67 % - 69 %

Final Exam 10% D = 63 % - 66 %

Semester Grade = 100% D- = 60 % - 62 %

F = 0 % - 59 %

**Assignments:** Assignments are given periodically and are only eligible for full credit when turned in on the day they are due. Assignments that are turned in late can only receive a maximum of half credit. In the case of an absence the student will be given **2** **days** to make up the assignment for each day they were absent. Students with unexcused absences will receive **0** credit on all assignments/labs worked on or completed that day.

**Lab Reports/Lab Activities:** Lab reports will typically be due 1 to 3 days following the completion of the lab activity (instructor will notify you of the due date). The format for writing up lab reports will be given out prior to the first formal lab. If a student does not turn in the lab report on the required due date they will receive a 25% reduction in the laboratory grade for each day late.

**Quizzes:** Quizzes will be given approximately every 1 to 2 weeks. Students will have the opportunity to retake a quiz. In order to retake a quiz:

1. You must make corrections on the original quiz.
2. You must have all work is completed leading up to the retake quiz.
3. You must show valid effort on the first quiz.  This is at my discretion and means you must answer all questions seriously and show that you are attempting to do your best on that quiz.

Quiz Retakes - must be completed on the day designated by Mrs. Lange. If you choose to retake a quiz, the better of two scores will be the one that counts. Students must also see Mrs. Lange to set up a time and obtain a pass for the retake.

**Tests and Exams:** Tests will be given approximately every 3 to 4 weeks. A final exam will be given at the end of each semester and count 10% toward your semester grade. It is expected and suggested that students absent on a test day will make the test up on the day that student returns to school. Students missing consecutive days will have **one week** from the day they return to make up the test they missed.

Test Retakes - You will be allowed to retake tests for full credit in this class.  The retake test will not necessarily be the same test but will cover the same material in a different format or with different questions.  If you choose to retake a test, the better of the two scores will be the one that counts. Also, if the original test score was adjusted based on the scores of the class as a whole, the retake will not receive the same adjustment.

All retakes must be taken within one week (5 school days) after the test is returned and they need to be taken on your own time (not in class).  Students must also see Mrs. Lange to set up a time and fill out a retake form before initiating the retake process.

In order to retake a test, you must meet the following criteria:

* + - 1. All unit assignments must have been turned in by the date of the retake test.
      2. You must make corrections on the original test and turn in a completed set of “Questions to Ponder” from the unit. (Complete sentences must be used in answering the questions)
      3. You must show valid effort on the first test.  This is at my discretion and means you must answer all questions seriously and show that you are attempting to do your best on that test.

**Comments:**

- **Excessive tardies**

Any student that exceeds two tardies in a given quarter will be assigned a lunch detention on their third tardy. Any subsequent tardies will result in the assigning of additional lunch detentions.

- **Cheating**

Students are expected to do their own work. Any student caught cheating will receive a zero on all work for that day and will be dealt with through the school cheating policy. However, students are encouraged to use each other as references when working on **lab reports** and **assignments** (formative/interim work) as long as they do their “own work”.

- **Cell Phones/Other Electronic Devices**

Students are **never** to use cellular phones or other personal electronic devices in class. Violations of this will be dealt with through the school cell phone policy.

The only exception to this would be a student using a device for a valid educational purpose. In this case a student will be prompted to take out their device or the student must ask for permission prior to using the device.

**Note: Students should work on their desk top. Any activity done on your lap will be assumed by Mrs. Lange to be unauthorized use of a cell phone.**

- **Using Electronic Devices for Listening to Music**

Use of electronic devices for listening to music is only permitted during quiet individual work time (with permission). Devices should only be used to listen to music at a low volume.

**- Food and Drink**

In accordance with school policy and due to the fact that there are a number of computers are in our classroom, **no food or drink** is allowed in the classroom at anytime! The only exception is water in a sealable container.

- **Back Packs**

Backpacks and other materials not relevant to class are **not to be placed on desks/tables**. Backpacks, etc. should be **placed underneath a student’s seat.**

**- Classroom Matrix**

Students are expected to comply with all expectations outlined on the classroom matrix.(see handout)

- **Extra Help**

I will be available to give extra help on school days in the morning from 7:00-7:15 am online via Teams and from 7:15 a.m. to 7:30 am in person. On Wednesdays I will have office hours (time yet to be determined) way of a Microsoft Teams meeting. I am always available through remind and email and will do my best to get back to you within 24 hours, however my response time maybe delayed based on email volume, time of night, or during weekends.

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Please take time to read and return:

I have read and understand the policies for my son/daughter’s Physics course.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent(guardian) Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_