

This course is designed for Freshmen students enrolled in Algebra and who are interested in learning how science and math work together. During this year in Physics we will be learning about the relationship between matter and energy. *Please read this syllabus and keep it for reference throughout the year.*

Textbook:

Conceptual Physics uses Paul Hewitt's "Conceptual Physics." You will leave this book at home. There is a class set in addition to several library copies. Replacement if lost or damaged costs \$70.00.

Student Expectations:

1. Come to class on time.
2. Bring your notebook and materials EVERY day.
3. Be respectful to your peers and teacher.
4. Take responsibility of your education by completing assignments and participating in class.

Required Materials:

1. 3 ring binder at least 1"
2. At least 4 Dividers labeled: Reference, Current Assignments, Old Assignments, Paper
3. Three hole punched Spiral Bound notebook labeled "Agendas, Warm-ups & Notes"
4. Scientific calculator*
5. Pens, Pencils & Ruler
6. Colored Pencils or markers (*left at home is fine*)

A separate set of "Test Calculators" will be used for tests and quizzes at the teacher's discretion. **You ARE NOT allowed to use a cell phone or PDA as a calculator at any time.*

Procedures:

1. Class starts when the bell rings, you are expected to be in **your seat**. *If you are tardy you will not receive a stamp for your homework, resulting in fewer points.*
2. Copy down the Agenda and Daily Warm-up into your "Agenda & Notes" section.
3. If an assignment is due have it and a red pen out ready to correct it.
4. Bathroom passes are **not** allowed the *first* or *last* ten minutes of class. When you do want to use the restroom, cut off one of your Bathroom Passes, sign out, leave on my desk and you may go.
5. You will be excused **by the teacher**, not the bell. You will *not* be excused until the classroom has been cleaned up and materials returned.
6. Cell phones and other electronic devices **are not** allowed in class. *If seen or heard they will be confiscated. (1st time: returned at the end of class; 2nd time: returned at the end of the day, 3rd time: a parent or guardian must come and claim the device after school)*

Discipline:

If a student is a distraction or exhibiting inappropriate behavior they will report for a detention after school with the teacher. *A second offense will result in parent/ guardian contact. A third offense will result in an administrative referral and parent conference.*

All work is expected to be completed individually unless assigned as group work. **Cheating** is defined as “to create an unfair advantage, usually in one's own interest, and often at the expense of others.” Cheating on an assignment earns a zero on the assignment for *all students involved*.

Grade Guidelines:

The breakdown is approximately: 50% for Tests/ Quizzes/ Exams and Projects; 20% Homework; and 30% Labs, Participation and In-Class Work. Any questions about your grade can be answered before school, at lunch or after school. *Under no circumstances are you to disrupt class with questions about your grades.* Your grade is based on the total number of points earned through the semester. Your letter grade is based on what percent of the total points you have: 90-100% A, 80-90% B, 70-79.5% C, 60-69% D, below 60% F. Be sure to check your grades online to understand what you must do to **earn** your desired grade.

Homework is assigned almost daily and is due at the beginning of class the next day. Generally homework is collected in a packet and the value will be determined according to the magnitude and difficulty of the work. The purpose of homework is to reinforce concepts learned or introduce new topics. **Late homework should be completed but will not receive credit.** Homework must have the correct heading and is to be corrected in RED PEN to insure that students learn from their mistakes.

Many handouts and materials will be available online if you lose your copy. If an electronic version is not available and you did not have an excused absence *you must make a copy yourself.*

Absences:

Frequent absences will *drastically* affect your grade. Each one of you is expected to participate in class every day as Participation Points are a *required* component of this course. Make-up work is YOUR responsibility. **You** must get notes, agendas and missing work when you return to class. Check the online calendar, with your peers or with me for these things AS SOON AS you return. Work and tests missed due to an unexcused absence **may not** be made up for points. If you have an excused absence you have *the same amount of time that you were absent to turn in your work.* For example, if you are absent for two days, you have two days from when you return to class to turn in the work. Field trips are NOT considered excused absences and work must be obtained before the trip.

All tests and quizzes must be made up within one week of the date given after school and not during the school day. If you are absent the day *before* a test, you are still required to take the test with the rest of your classmates.

Extra Credit:

Late work **will not** be accepted for points but should be completed so that it is no longer missing. When missing assignments have been made up a “0” will be entered for the assignment instead of a missing. Any “Missing” assignments will prevent students from earning Extra Credit points. Extra Credit is offered throughout the year but the points will not be added unless the student has turned in ALL assignments. Extra Credit points *will not* exceed 2% of the total class points.

*I have read and understand all the expectations of this class.
I will do my best to follow these guidelines to ensure student success.*

Student Printed Name *Student Signature* *Parent Printed Name* *Parent Signature*

Student PRINTED email address *Parent PRINTED email address*