

AP Physics C: Policies and Procedures

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Grading: The following factors are part of your grade: Tests and quizzes, laboratory work, homework, and classroom participation.

General guidelines for grading:		Grades are determined as follows:	
$G \geq 89.5\%$	A	Tests and Quizzes	50%
$79.5\% \leq G < 89.5\%$	B	Laboratory work	20%
$69.5\% \leq G < 79.5\%$	C	Homework assignments	15%
$G < 69.5\%$	F	Class Participation	15%

Homework: Homework is an important part of this class. Doing the homework consistently is very helpful in learning new material. Assignments are due at the beginning of class. All assignments should be kept in a notebook for later reference. ***Bring completed homework assignments to school every day (at least for the current unit). We will refer back to them as learning and study material.***

It is very important that all assignments are completed on time. In general, I will give a maximum of 50% credit for homework turned in up to one day late. I may grant extensions of deadlines, ***in advance***, for numerous reasons, but such a request must be made at least one school day before the due date. If you are absent, you must turn in the homework as soon as you return to school or talk to me to make arrangements for turning in the assignment later. It is your responsibility to turn in late homework at the agreed upon time in order to receive credit. While I make an effort to make the homework assignments available (via handouts and the web page shown above), it is ***your*** responsibility to keep track of homework assignments.

Neatness is VERY important. Unreadable or extremely messy homework will be returned **without credit!** Show your work clearly and use complete sentences and correct spelling when answering questions. Make sure your name, class, period and the date is at the top of each page. If you do your homework with another student, please write that student's name (*e.g.*, [done with Joe Schmo]) next to yours. **Make sure you turn in your own work and not a copy of someone else's work! Plagiarism will not be tolerated in my class, or at Peak to Peak!**

Tests: The tests are comprehensive and cumulative. They will consist of AP-style multiple choice and free response questions. I will schedule tests in advance.

Quizzes: Occasionally, I will give a written quiz about recently-learned material. The quiz will usually not last the full period. The remaining time will be used to finish lab reports, work on future homework assignments, or go on to the next topic. There will be no quiz during the week of a test. Completed quizzes should go into your class notebook.

Laboratory Work: Lab work is an important part of this class. If you do not finish the lab report during the laboratory period, you will get the opportunity to finish the report in later periods. I will give detailed guidelines on how to write an effective laboratory report during the first weeks of school. All laboratory work and reports will be recorded in your lab notebook. If you miss a class where we perform a lab, you must make up the lab during office hours or by appointment. Please consult the syllabus for more information on the laboratory component of this class.

Class Participation: It is important that you come to class ready to participate in each day's lesson. A good attitude and courteous behavior towards your fellow students are essential to a productive learning experience. Everyone is expected to participate every day. Have your materials (notebook with completed assignments, lab notebook, clean paper and graph paper, and pencils or pens) ready at the start of class! You are expected to be in your seat, working on the anticipatory set when the bell rings.

Supplies needed for the course:

- Binder (3-ring, 1.5" single subject or larger shared with other subjects)
- Filler paper, lined
- Dividers (for separating units)
- Pens and pencils
- Ruler (30cm/12")
- Graph paper (1/4" square)
- Calculator with scientific functions
- Laboratory notebook (provided at the beginning of the year)
- Colored pencils and markers are optional but will be useful

We will be using the following book:

Halliday, David, Robert Resnick & Jearl Walker. Fundamentals of Physics, 7th edition. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2005.

In addition, I recommend a study guide to help prepare for the AP test in May, 2007. While in the end, you need a study guide suited to your taste, I recommend:

Mooney, James. apadvantageTMPhysics C Exam, Saddlebrook, NJ, The Peoples Publishing Group, Inc., 2005.

Extra Help: I will be available for extra help one day per week after school, from 3:10 - 4:10 PM. For now, the day will be Tuesday. Changes to this schedule will be announced in class ahead of time and will be posted on my web site. If you need help, have questions, or just want to talk to me but you cannot make it during these times, please see me for another appointment. Don't be shy; I am here to help you. I am sometimes available in the evening via IM and also post homework hints on my blog (<http://Dr9pt8.blogspot.com>).

I have read and understand these policies for Peak to Peak's AP Physics C course.

student's name (printed)

student's signature

parent signature

date

Parents, please let me know if your student has any special needs (*e.g.*, seating arrangement), sensitivities to strong chemical smells, allergies, reactions, or ailments.

Also, please let me know how to get in touch with you.

Student's email address: _____

Father's Name: _____ email: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Mother's Name: _____ email: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Father's Cell Phone: _____ Mother's Cell Phone: _____

My Student Does: ___ Does Not: ___ have access to a computer at home.

My Student Does: ___ Does Not: ___ have Internet access at home.

My Student Does: ___ Does Not: ___ have a computer printer at home.