

Classroom Policies and Procedures:

Absences

- Students are responsible for picking up missed work - there is a calendar and a file next to the door with the missed work listed.
- Big projects that are ongoing will retain their due date unless you contact me and we discuss an extension.
- If you know you will be gone, I need at least 2 days notice to get worksheets ready for you.
- I will not accept late work from unexcused absences



Cell Phones:

Ugh, cell phones. They will be stored in the cell phone pouch. You cannot use them as calculators on tests/quizzes.

A decent scientific calculator will run \$8-\$12 (even less when back to school stuff hits clearance), please go buy one. I have 8 or so scientific calculators available on a first come, first served basis. I do not require a graphing calculators.



Lab Etiquette:

This applies whenever we are not at our seats. Including, but not limited to: the hallways, whiteboarding at our stations, the cafeteria, dropping things off the banisters, the bleachers, and the fields.

- Please do **NOT** ever play with the gas valves. I have them shut off for most of the year, but I really want those valves to work properly when I do turn the gas on.
- No food or water **EVER** at the lab stations. We have computers at our stations that don't respond well to either.
- If you purposefully misuse lab equipment you will receive a zero; if you broke it, your lab group will buy a new one; you may be sent to a grade level administrator; you may be removed from class.

Grading Categories:

Homework:

- Homework will be checked the day following its assignment for completion. If it is completed, or 90% attempted, it will receive a stamp.
- If it is not completed, no stamp will be given. But it may be completed and turned in for 80% credit.
- *If a student is absent, it is their responsibility to get a stamp the next day.*
- Homework is to be turned in the day of a quiz/test.

Homework Discussions: Selected problems will be presented and discussed the next day in class. Corrections are strongly encouraged, but please leave your original work so I can see the growth. All students will be participating in one way or another.

Labs/Demos:

- Physics is a lab based science class. Labs will be typed up, pre- and post-lab discussions may be handwritten, and should be kept in a dedicated **COMPOSITION** book.
- Lab reports (and books) are due a few days after the actual lab, this will give you time to finalize the lab report.
- Missed labs are YOUR responsibility. You must schedule a makeup time with me.

Quizzes:

I don't want quizzes to be a punishment, but rather a learning tool. That is why I allow corrections on **EVERY** quiz. Students who fill in the corrections form, and resubmit their quiz within 2 days of receiving it, may earn back 50% of their lost points.

Tests:

- Students may use a formula sheet on their tests. To make it simple, I allow all of my students use of the AP formula sheets-these include all of the formulas plus a symbol guide, and basic conversions.
- If you are absent the day of a test, it will be made up on the day of your return. If I have already graded and handed the original test back, you will take a makeup test that will reflect the additional time to study.
- I tend to drop the lowest test score each semester for students who have an 80% or above on their homework.