

Physics
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Classroom Materials

Required: Internet-capable technological device
 3-Ring Binder (1.5"+) to be kept in the science classroom
 Loose-leaf paper
 Pencils (#2)
 3x5" Index Cards

Recommended: Colored pencils, clear metric ruler, scissors

Online Textbook

Instruction for access to be provided when available in google classroom

Grades:

Major Grades: 60%

Major Grades include all Common Assessments, CBAs, presentations, and projects that take more than one day to prepare

Minor Grades: 40%

Minor Grades include quizzes over daily practice (10 questions, test-like environment, individual, but can use one "cheat card" for assistance with formulae) and lab grades.

Tutorials

For In-Person Students: There will be at least one Physics teacher at school and available to assist students with understanding concepts, working problems, and class assignments from 7:30 to 7:45 am before school, and from 3:39 to 3:50 pm after school. For additional time, tutorials can be arranged with your teacher.

For Online Students: See "Teacher Information" in the classroom and read about your teacher's Office Hours; teachers will be replying to emails within 24 hours after receiving them. Office hours are held on Google Meet for live assistance.

Testing Policy

Common Assessments are about every other week, plus one comprehensive test at the end of the nine week marking period. Each test will be cumulative over all prior topics. Each test will be composed of two major grades: one for achieving the correct answer and one for showing the work in the proper steps.

At the end of the semester there will be a BENCHMARK test over the term.

During a single nine weeks, each test grade can replace the prior such grade if higher. Replacements are only for the immediate preceding test in the current nine weeks. There is no carryover between nine weeks. In addition, one retest opportunity is available per 9-week period. This retest must be requested by the student and completed before the next major grade. Once a test has been retaken it is no longer eligible to be replaced by the next test grade.

Tests are expected to be completed in the single class period (90 minutes). There will be no time extensions. Fourth period classes will have tests divided over two days, but each half is limited to the one day.

Testing Policy: Absent on Test Day

For Both: If a student is absent on the day of a test, or missed the testing period on test day, the student will make a **private comment** on the test assignment in google classroom requesting an extension. A time will be arranged for the testing documents to reopen and the student will complete the test **online**.

Absences:

For both: All assignments are available digitally. If a student is absent, they are expected to complete and submit the missing assignment online on their own time. **Students are responsible for their missing work.** Keep on top of your google classroom assignments.

Late or Missing Work Policy

For both: All assignments are available digitally and will have an assigned due date. Missing assignments will be marked as Missing within the google classroom. Assignments can be submitted "late" and will be marked as Late within the google classroom. Any work that is missing for not being turned in may be made up during the same progress report period (~3 weeks) for up to full credit, provided the student completes the assignment in full and gives reasoning for each solution set.

All missing assignments must be turned in **before the last Friday** of the progress report period in order to be counted. **Any assignment not completed and submitted** before that due date will **not** be able to be submitted and will be an automatic 0 within the gradebook. Keep on top of your due dates.

Bathroom/Water Policy

For In-Person Students: You are expected to take care of needs before coming to class. You may ask to go to the restroom. At the discretion of the teacher you will relinquish your phone and be allowed to go, one at a time, with a pass, at a time in class for minimum disruption to your work.

You will have to turn in your cell phone, sign the hall pass and take the hall pass with you to your destination each time you leave. There is a separate pass for the nurse. If such requests get to be regular or frequent, then a call will be made to your parents. If you have a special need for frequent trips to the restroom bring a pass from the nurse verifying that need.

Electronics (For In-Person Students)

Smartphones are to be silent at all times and will be isolated from the student for the duration of the class period until or unless such a time that a photo submission to an assignment is required. Phone calls, texting, or participating in social media outside of assignments in class will not be allowed at any time during the class period. Emergency contact from parents or guardians should be made to the front office and not directly to the student. With the teacher's permission, phones may be used at specific times for specific activities pertaining to class activities.

Personal technology for classroom activities are to be applied in pursuing classroom activities. Students are not to be using their devices for entertainment purposes during class time when they are to be applying themselves to other work. Parents will be notified if personal technology has become a distraction.

Food and Drinks (For In-Person Students)

Following Hallsville High School policy and considering the current atmosphere and health risks, **no food or drinks** are allowed in the classroom at any time except water bottles with a straw.