

# AP Physics 1

## Student Responsibilities, Grading, and Make-Up Policies

### I.) Course Overview

AP Physics 1 is an algebra-based, introductory college-level physics course. Students cultivate their understanding of Physics through inquiry-based investigations as they explore topics such as Newtonian mechanics (including rotational motion); work, energy, and power; mechanical waves and sound; and introductory, simple circuits.

### II.) Textbooks and Materials

Giancoli, Douglas C., *Physics: Principles with Applications*, 5th ed. Prentice Hall, 1998.

Notes presented in class can be accessed at <http://www.meitz.weebly.com>.

### III.) Grading Procedures

Your average for this class is determined from grades taken for daily work and tests. Your six-week average is determined by the following weighted-average:

**Daily Grades – 40%**

**Tests – 60%**

**Tests** will be given as needed to formally assess your understanding of one or more chapters. Tests will be announced at least one week in advance and are in a closed-note format. Calculators can be used on tests, but the memory must be free of equations and notes pertaining to the test. Test grades can be improved by correcting them according to the procedure described below.

### IV.) Late work and Make-up Procedures

- A.) If you are **absent** on the day that an **assignment** is due, the assignment must be turned in when you return to class. **Late work** is accepted but is penalized 20 points for every period it is late.
- B.) If you are **absent** on the day of a scheduled **test**, you must make up the test within one week after you return to class. This must be done outside of class at a prearranged time.
- C.) **Tests can be corrected** and the grade improved by up to half of the number of points missed on the original test. These corrections must be done **before** the date that the next test is given unless the test is at the end of a six weeks grading period. Corrections must be made using the following procedure:
  - 1.) **Test corrections must be done in my classroom.** The tests are never to leave the classroom or you will lose credit for the test corrections. **No pictures can be taken of the tests** and you will lose credit for the corrections if this occurs. Tests can be corrected during FIT sessions, before school, or during your lunch period.
  - 2.) Students scoring **less than a 70** must complete all practice problems for the unit and submit them before being allowed to do test corrections.
  - 3.) Corrections must be done on a separate sheet(s) of notebook paper.
  - 4.) Multiple-choice questions must be written out along with the corrected answer. **EACH ANSWER MUST BE JUSTIFIED AS TO WHY IT IS CORRECT.** Computational problems must be solved using the process shown in the example problems worked in class.
  - 5.) **EACH ANSWER MUST BE JUSTIFIED AS TO WHY IT IS CORRECT.**
  - 6.) **Corrections are to be stapled on top of the original test.** Your name, period, and test title must be clearly indicated at the top of the first page of the corrections.

### V.) Getting Help

The following times are available for tutoring.

**Monday through Friday                      7:45 AM - 8:45 AM**

Other time arrangements can be made if agreed upon in advance.  
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