

ACHIEVE THE HONORABLE

PHYSICAL SCIENCE CLASS EXPECTATIONS 2013.14

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INTRODUCTION:

Welcome to Physical Science. Expect this class to be challenging and rewarding. Over the course of the year you will be exposed to a general overview of Physics with certain units focusing on Earth science. We will use laboratory work, group activities and projects to develop a fundamental understanding of interrelationships in Physics and Earth Science.

REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS:

- **MATERIALS:** You must have the following with you for each class meeting.
 - binder with paper
 - pen, pencil, ruler, calculator and colored pencils
- **ATTENDANCE:** Come to class on time and prepared to work.
 - **TARDIES:** If you are late 3 times, a detention will be assigned and you will lose one point from your average for every proceeding tardy.

ABSENCES:

It is your responsibility to keep track of any missing work. See my web page and online grades to check. Missing work should be turned in class after you return to be on time. If you are absent the day an assignment is due, I expect it turned in when you return.

- Missed Labs must be made up within 2 days of your return. I keep lab setups for one rotation only. Tutorial may also be used as long as it is within the rotation of the actual lab.
- Take tests and quizzes the day you return. If you do not take the missed test or quiz before it is passed back, your next quiz or test score will replace the missing score.

CLASSWORK AND HOMEWORK:

- Classwork and Homework will be posted on the board and on my web page.
- Homework is due in the turn in box at the beginning of the period.
- **Late homework can be turned in for half credit until the unit test.**

BEHAVIOR: Be respectful.

- Put your phone away and turn the ringer off. If I see it or hear it I WILL take it away and keep it until the end of the school day (no exceptions).
- No food or drink other than water is allowed in the lab (NO EXCEPTIONS)
- Any infractions can earn a detention and loss of the day's participation points.

LABORATORY SAFETY

There will be a significant amount of laboratory work for this class. There are dangers associated with this. If you are acting inappropriately or ignoring safety rules, I will do one or all of the following: ask you to see an administrator, assign a detention and you will lose up to all points for the lab up to the assignment total of negative points. This is the teacher's decision.

TEST CORRECTIONS:

- If you earn less than a 75% on a test, test corrections can be done. Half credit can be earned back for every correction done according to the directions. Your grade can only go up to a 75% with test corrections. Test correction directions are available at www.mrschamberlain.com.

GRADING POLICY:

- Check your grades online, if there is an error please bring in the scored assignment.
- Assignments are due at the beginning of class. Late work will earn you ½ credit.
- Work turned in after you have been tested on the material receives no credit.

PARTICIPATION:

Points are earned through positive and constructive participation. Students are required to take an active role in their learning while allowing others to learn. I expect student participation to increase in quality throughout the year.

Grading Scale

A+	98% and up	C+	77-79%
A	93-97%	C	73-76%
A-	90-92%	C-	70-72%
B+	87-89%	D+	67-69%
B	83-86%	D	63-66%
B-	80-82%	D-	60-62%

Cumulative exams at the end of each semester count for 10% of your semester grade.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: Cheating, which includes plagiarism, is defined as representing any work that is not your own original work as your work. This includes using another student's work from a previous year, this year, looking at another student's test, work copied and pasted from the internet or other published material, etc. All work turned in must be in your own words. There are no joint assignments. You may consult with other students if the specific assignment calls for this, but your work must be original.

- All assignments must be done individually. I encourage you to work together to understand concepts and answer questions, but when you compose your answers I expect them to be in your own words.
- The PHS academic integrity code will be strictly enforced in this class. There is vastly more to lose than to gain. The **minimum** result from any form of cheating will be zero credit for that assignment or test and the **maximum** will be negative points equal to the assignment.
- **Any cell phones out during a test will result in a zero and must be picked up by a parent. CHEATING WILL RESULT IN A ZERO FOR THE ENTIRE ASSIGNMENT.**

EXTRA HELP:

- If you do not understand, something covered in class or in the readings make sure to see me for extra help. The sooner you identify your confusion and come for help the better.
- I am available for help during tutorial and usually before school.

Thanks so much. I am looking forward to a fun year with your students.

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