**AP Physics 1**

Santa Fe High School

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**Course Description**

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 these topics: kinematics; dynamics; circular motion and gravitation; energy; momentum; simple harmonic motion; torque and rotational motion.

**Required Materials**

* Writing instruments: color nonspecific; HOWEVER, please do not write in highlighter
* Highlighter: one, any color
* Composition Notebook
* **Calculator**: List of Approved Calculators at <https://bit.ly/2Idqwkp>
* **Headphones**
* (HIGHLY SUGGESTED) [5 Steps to a 5: AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based (2018 or newer)](https://www.amazon.com/Steps-AP-Physics-Algebra-Based-2022/dp/1264267606)

Additional books and resources may be recommended during the year. If you have issues obtaining school supplies, please indicate that at the end of the syllabus.

**Class Rules**

1. Come to all classes on time and with all necessary materials.
2. Keep your bodies and your objects to yourself.
3. Turn in your work, with your name on it, on time.
4. Treat your surroundings with respect.

**Consequences:**

1. Verbal warning
2. Classroom referral and parent contact
3. **PARENT CONFERENCE and OFFICE REFERRAL**

All recurrences of a discussed behavior that occur after a parent conference will result in a referral. Actions that may endanger the safety of the child or others will result in an IMMEDIATE referral. Malicious actions against a student involving chemicals or lab equipment will be reported to the police. Behaviors exhibited in class may be discussed with other school personnel who share a vested interested in the child. This includes, but is not limited to, administration, other teachers that also teach the student, counselors, and sports coaches.

**Behavior in the Lab Setting**

Students in physics have had two years of science safety training. Students will be expected to always act safely while in the lab. Horseplay or malicious activity of any kind is not permitted in the lab. This can lead to the damage or destruction of expensive lab equipment. I understand that accidents can happen, and I expect some accidents to happen. While no child will be held liable for unintended accidents, **misbehavior that results in damage to lab equipment will result in a referral to administration and possible removal from all further lab investigations.** Many of the materials used in physics are expensive and not easy to replace!

**Lab Notebook**

Students will be expected to keep and maintain a complete lab notebook. This notebook will follow the expectations given to the students, which will be attached to the inside of their notebook.

**This MUST be kept in a composition notebook with your name, school year, and class on it. NO PAGES MAY BE RIPPED OUT OR REMOVED!** Please keep this notebook until you go to college. You may be able to present this to your Physics department, in conjunction with a passing AP Physics exam grade, to receive credit for a Physics lab. Lab notebooks are available for students who need them.

**Grading**

1. Minor Grades: 60%
2. Major Grades: 40% **(Test count as 2 major grades)**

Extra Credit will be available at the teacher’s sole discretion and is NOT guaranteed.

**Note:** AP Courses are unlike any course your child may have taken in earlier grades. Set to simulate the college experience with higher level learning and harder standards, AP courses challenge even the brightest students. Because of the intense academic challenge, district policy awards two grade points added to a student’s GPA for enrollment and completion of AP courses. **Please note that students who enroll in AP Physics 1 are expected to sit for the AP Physics 1 exam.** Due to the intensive nature of this college level course, *no participation grades will be given.* All students must work to their utmost potential in this course in order to pass the course and AP exam. Requests to change grades based on anything other than in class performance will not be considered.

**Late or Missing Assignment Policy**

All assignments are due on the day of the unit exam. Because of the large amount of time given for students to complete work, in addition to the work time in class, late work will be accepted up to **THREE DAYS LATE** for a **30% penalty.** Late work will not be accepted after that point. All missing assignments are IMMEDIATELY marked as a zero. Assignments missed due to unexcused absences are considered late. It is important that you and your parent turn in ALL excused notes to the front office as soon as possible. Once a late or missing assignment has been turned in, please allow up to five working days for the assignment to be reflected in the gradebook.

**Plagiarism and Cheating**

In this increasingly technological society, it is becoming easier and easier for students to plagiarize assignments or “cheat” on quizzes and tests. We will be using a variety of in class technologies that lend to the possibility of cheating. CHEATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED! This includes, but is not limited to:

* + 1. Completing an assignment for a student other than yourself
    2. Copying someone’s assignment and turning it in as your own
    3. Editing another student’s work without their permission
    4. Copying work done on websites and submitting it as your work
    5. Using unauthorized websites during assignments

**Consequences for cheating include, but are not limited to, an AUTOMATIC REFERRAL, half-credit on a makeup assignment, and phone call home for all students involved. In addition, plagiarism may be grounds for removal from AP Physics. Please consult the plagiarism section of the Student Handbook for consequences for plagiarism.**

**Additional Study Help**

* Additional tutoring is available after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 – 3:15 PM by appointment.
* Saturday study sessions will be available throughout the year. Dates will be announced at least 30 days prior.
* Students who struggle may look into getting additional study books. I recommend:
  + Cracking the AP Physics 1 Exam
  + Barron’s AP Physics 1
  + AP Physics 1 Essentials (2nd Edition)
  + 500 AP Physics 1 Questions to Know by Test Day

**\*Note: Any book or material dated earlier than 2014 is likely not up to date.\***

**Tech Support**

I am not a computer expert. However, as a 1:1 campus with all students having devices, technology problems do happen, and I will try my best to fix them. In the event of an issue, try the following:

* Log out COMPLETELY then log back in
* Shut down COMPLETELY then log back in
* Charge the laptop for 30 minutes, then restart the device

If these tips do NOT fix the issue, help desk hours are from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Immediate issues should be reported to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

For issues with websites or virtual assignments, please contact me via email or phone.

**AP Physics Syllabus Contract**

**Student (LEGAL First Last) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Preferred: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, am the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a student at Santa Fe High School enrolled in AP Physics 1. My child and I have read and understand the syllabus. My child and I understand that this syllabus is an agreement between the teacher and the student. By signing, my child and I agree without contest to ALL of the terms described in this document. My child and I also understand that we are expected to follow all rules and guidelines discussed in this syllabus and the Santa Fe ISD Student Code of Conduct.

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Legal Guardian Signature Date

**Home Internet Use Policy**

I understand that this course requires frequent online use at home. I have access to the internet outside of school and I understand that Mr. Childs will NOT provide additional time for assignments due to lack of technology in the home as all students are provided district devices. If an occasion should arise that I lose internet access outside of school, I will make arrangements with Mr. Childs to complete my work safely. I also understand that if I do not have reliable internet access at home, I can contact the school district for a mobile data hotspot.

**Student Initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Exam Stipulation**

I understand that students enrolled in AP Physics 1 are expected, but not required, to take the AP Physics 1 exam.

**AP Physics 1 Exam Date:** Thursday, May 11, 2023  **Student Initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent Initials: \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Legal Guardian Contact Information**

Please include your contact information. Mark your PREFERRED contact method and PREFERRED contact times.

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**Contact time (circle):** Morning (6:30-9:00 AM) Lunch (12:30-1:00 PM) Afternoon (3:00-5:00 PM)

**Preferred Contact Day(s)** (circle): Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

**Medical:** List of allergies and relevant medical conditions. Include relevant FOOD allergies as well.

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