Regents Physics Course Expectations

CLASS GUIDELINES

1. All students must be respectful to all no matter who they are. You must be respectful towards me, the teacher, fellow students, Principals and Substitute Teachers.
2. When a person is talking, whether it is me, another student, or a guest, you will be listening intently and quietly. It is a common courtesy to wait for someone to finish speaking before you speak.
3. There will be no electronic equipment allowed in the classroom. This includes MP3 players, tablets, cell phones, and portable gaming systems.
4. Students must be in the room when the bell has rung. If you are not in the room by this time you will be considered late, unless with a valid pass.
5. Each time you are late to class without a pass; you will receive a late detention.
6. You must come to class prepared. You are responsible for bringing to class everyday:
   - A Pen (blue or black, NOT red)
   - A Binder (at least 1½”) with plenty of loose-leaf paper and a folder
   - A Scientific -OR- a Graphing Calculator (with an “EE” or “×10” key)
   - Smart phones and other devices DO NOT COUNT!
   - A #2 pencil (Mechanical pencils are strongly recommended)
   - Your Physics Workbook
   - If you are not prepared with any of these materials then you will need to get the notes at a later time. Students are responsible for their own learning.
7. If you need to leave the room for any reason please raise your hand first and ask me for permission.
8. You will raise your hand and wait to be called on when you have a question or comment.

GRADING POLICY

- Tests – 60%
  - If a student is absent on a test day, they must arrange a day and time to make up that test within one week of the original test date or it will count as a zero
  - THE NYS PHYSICS REGENTS WILL COUNT AS 1/5TH OF YOUR OVERALL GRADE
- Quizzes – 20%
  - If a student is absent on a quiz day, they must arrange a day and time to make up the quiz within one week of the original test date or it will count as a zero
- Labs – 10%
  - In class labs are expected to take place every week and are due within a week’s time with a specific due date
  - Labs will only receive full credit if they are on time. Late labs must be completed for Regents credit, but will not receive full credit in the calculation of the quarter grade
  - New York State requires students to complete 30 lab hours in order to qualify for the NYS Physics Regents Exam
    - Failure to successfully complete 30 lab hours will result in the student being ineligible to take the NYS Physics Regents Exam
- Homework – 10%
  - HW will be given on a daily basis and be due the following day
  - HW will be checked on a daily basis
- Ask questions when you need clarification.
  - I cannot read your mind, so if you are unclear of something, PLEASE ask as many questions as you need
- Take pride in your work and complete it in a way that you are proud of.
This is not about getting the correct answer on the first try every time. It is about learning something new, making some mistakes and learning from them.

- Physics is a course that takes practice.
  - Class is a time to learn new strategies.
  - Homework and labs are a time to practice what you have learned in class.
  - Quizzes are scrimmages.
  - Tests are the main event where you get to show off what you have learned.

“Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.”

-Abigail Adams