

Mr. Anderson Introductory Physics Expectations

Welcome to Introductory Physics or Understanding the world around you while having fun. I want you to see how fun and logical the world around you can really be. Yes this class may be challenging at times. However, nothing compares to the elation you will feel when you grasp a new concept that applies to everyday life.

A few general rules:

You will:

- follow the Newton core values.
- show an interest in learning.
- participate in all classroom activities.
- be prepared for class
- turn assignments in on time.
- attend and be on time to all classes.
- be responsible for work which you miss.

• read, understand, and follow the rules and policies in the Student Handbook

I will:

- follow the core values.
- be interested in helping each one of you learn physics.
- be prompt in returning evaluated work.
- be prepared for class.
- be interested in who you are as people.
- be available to provide extra help.

Specific Policies:

- **I expect that you maintain a complete environment of respect in my classroom.** You need to respect your classmates, yourself, lab equipment and me.
 - **In this classroom, as in our school, both our diversity and commonality are celebrated.** In particular, this classroom will be a safe learning environment for all people regardless of their gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, disability and class (both economic and academic). As a result, language or behavior that is disrespectful to others will not be tolerated. You will not receive any warning if you engage in behavior that is either hostile, intimidating or offensive to another student or me. Rather, you will leave class immediately and visit your Housemaster to receive the appropriate consequences. Behavior that may cause this type of action includes verbal communication, physical behavior and/or displaying visual materials.
 - **Lab equipment is a privilege.** All equipment, from scissors to computers and everything in between, should be treated with care and respect. This is a laboratory and we must practice laboratory safety at all times. All equipment must be turned in and/or put away before anyone will move to his/her next class. I will write you a pass if you are going to be late as a result of this rule.
 - **You are expected to behave in a mature manner that promotes an active and engaging learning environment.** Any activity that disrupts the learning process will not be tolerated. The following is an abbreviated list of specific activities that are prohibited in this classroom. This list may be added to at any time:
 - using electronic devices (i.e., beepers, cell phones, walkmans)
 - eating or drinking without permission
 - talking out of turn
 - aggressive physical contact (i.e., pushing, shoving, running, hitting, and tripping)
 - leaving the classroom without permission
 - insulting me, your fellow classmates, or yourself
 - inappropriate language or remarks.If you choose to engage in any of these behaviors, I reserve the right to a.) require you to stay after school b.) call your parents and c.) send you to your Housemaster.
- **Work to be graded must be turned in on time.** If an assignment is gone over in class, it will not be accepted late. Other graded work submitted one day late will be subject to a 20% penalty and submitted two days late will be subject to a 40% penalty. Work will not be accepted more than two days late.
- **You must come prepared to class.** For introductory physics this includes: a three-ring binder, paper and a writing implement, and a scientific calculator
- **You are always responsible for what happens in class.** If you are absent, you are responsible for what you missed. If you are absent, you must see me individually immediately upon your return. You should find a buddy or two who can help you out when you do miss class.

- **Absences.** An excused absence gives you the right to make up any missed work. See me to discuss an appropriate time-frame to complete classwork or homework. If you miss a test or quiz, you **must** make it up within 3 school days. Exceptions will be handled case by case. Please remember the Newton N rule: Any more than 2 unexcused absences in any one term and you receive an N for the term. Any more than 7 absences of any kind in one term will result in an N for the term.
- **Be on time.** Once I start taking attendance and am in front of the room, class has started. If you are not in your seat and ready once class has started, you are late. Each time you are tardy, you will spend 10 minutes in detention with me for every minute you are late. The detentions **MUST** be served within one week of the infraction. Detentions may be served before or after school. In addition, for the purposes of the N rule, any 3 tardies are equal to one unexcused absence. I will also call your parents after a few tardies.
- **I am available often.** I will usually be here before school starts. I tend to stay late after school as well. You can also find me during X blocks or a common free block. I teach in room 225, which also serves as my office. You can also always try the science office (in purple). The best way to make sure you see me is to make an appointment with me.

Good to know...:

- **Use www.andersonscience.net.** This is my website dedicated to this class. You will find current class news, files of handouts, grades, and more!
- **Use the physics help sessions.** A physics help room will be available. You can get a pass out of study hall and a physics teacher will be there to answer questions and help you. A schedule will be posted soon.
- **Homework will not always be collected and graded.** This is not the case for labs and reports, which will be graded. However, not all textbook and worksheet assignments will be collected or graded. I may choose to give you credit by showing me your completed work as I move through the class, or we may simply go over the assignment in class and no credit will be issued. The thing is, I won't be telling you what I'm going to do, so complete every assignment!
- **Extra credit opportunities** will be frequent, and written on the board for at least one class. If you miss a class or forget to write down an extra credit, ask me at a convenient time or find out the opportunity from a classmate. Also, other extra credit opportunities may be sporadically announced.

What your grade will be based on:

Tests and Projects: There will be at least one test and at least one project per quarter.

Quizzes: Quizzes will occur on a close to weekly basis. Quizzes, other than "homework quizzes," will be announced.

Labs and in-class activities: A huge part of this class is labs and hands-on activities.

Homework: Homework will be assigned day-to-day and collected as is announced.

Notebooks: Notebooks must always be neat and organized. They will be graded on a regular basis.

Anything On This Sheet Is Subject To Change Without Warning And At The Teacher's Discretion.