

Academic Physics
Classroom Procedures & Expectations

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Schoolwires Website – www.cbsd.org/kmclaughlin

Canvas – Work in Progress...

Online Resource –

The Physics Classroom Tutorial – <http://www.physicsclassroom.com>
(Use the link above, google “physics classroom,” or check on share point for a direct link!)

Units of Study –

	Approx. Length	Approx. Test Date
Unit 1 – Wave Motion	4 weeks	9/27
Unit 2 – Optics	<i>Blended into Unit 1 Topics</i>	
Unit 3 – Electrostatics	1 week	10/7
Unit 4 – Circuits	2 weeks	10/23
Unit 5 – Motion in 1D	3 weeks	11/20
Unit 6 – Newton’s Laws	3 weeks	12/16
Unit 7 – Motion in 2D	2 weeks	1/6 (Projectiles) 1/14 (Circles)
Unit 8 – Work & Energy	2 weeks	1/24

Student Responsibilities - Students must provide the following daily:

- Composition book for IPODs/Labs
- Pen/pencil
- **Scientific or Graphing Calculator**

Grading - Grades in the class are based upon the following categories, each with a tabulated percentage counting toward the final grade:

Marking Period

- Primary (40%)
 - *tests, performance assessments*
- Secondary (25%)
 - *quizzes, individual projects*
- Collaborative (25%)
 - *labs, group work, group projects*
- Support (10%)
 - *homework, classwork*

Semester

- Marking Period 1/3 (40%)
- Marking Period 2/4 (40%)
- Core Assessments (10%)
 - *Must achieve proficiency*
- Final Exam (10%)

Classwork – assignments, labs, tests/quizzes

- All assignments (worksheets from class, homework, labs) will be referenced on my class website under the calendar tab.
- Incomplete homework assignments will receive a zero. Homework cannot be made up *unless you are absent from school on the day homework was checked*.
- Work must be made up as set forth in the student handbook. If you are absent it is your responsibility to find out what you missed. Check the website (look for notes, worksheets and make-up labs under each unit of Academic Physics)!
- All work pertaining to a given unit (classwork, labs, missing homework from absences, etc.) must be made up by the day of the test or you will receive a zero for those assignments.
- Any assignment not made up within the specified time frame will receive a zero.
- Retakes on unit tests or quizzes are not offered.
- Retakes on the core assessment will follow district policy of 1 week to make-up after the core has been returned to students.

Central Bucks High School South Academic Integrity Policy



Statement of Philosophy

The primary goals of any educational institution should be to enhance the learning environment and to promote excellence. Central Bucks High School South believes that our school should reinforce the values of our democratic society, teach citizenship, and provide an environment conducive to ethical behavior. Our school community believes that all members of our community are responsible for maintaining a climate that values honesty, courtesy, consideration, integrity and a concern for others.

Cheating is an obstacle to achieving these goals. In any of its forms, for whatever reason, cheating denies the value of education. Our teaching staff strives to put the importance of learning above the importance of grades and to convince students that their best efforts are all that anyone should expect.

Academic integrity involves taking responsibility of one's own learning. It is important to know and recognize the following forms of academic misconduct and avoid them:

Cheating

- Giving or receiving unauthorized assistance (e.g., copying, stealing exams, using electronic aids/devices, Internet sources, or using aids like *SparkNotes* instead of reading the original work) in any academic work, quiz, test, or examination.
- Using graphic calculators to store information/formulas, using camera phones or text messages to store or share testing information and/or other academic work.

Consequences

Consequences for cheating are serious. They are school-wide and cumulative for all the years a student attends Central Bucks High School South. Please reference the student handbook for specific details.

Student Responsibilities

- Make sure your paper cannot be seen by anyone else.
- Keep your eyes on your own paper.
- Do not talk, text, or otherwise communicate with other students.
- Do not use unauthorized notes, resources, computer print-outs, or other information sources.





CB SOUTH CELL PHONE POLICY

- **Cell phones are only to be used during teacher-directed instructional times of the block. This means they are to be off and out of sight unless told otherwise.**
 - Students are expected to be fully engaged during direct instruction, small group learning, independent practice, and peer presentations.
 - Cell phones are never to be visible during any type of classroom assessment or exam, and having a cell phone in sight during an exam can result in the student being guilty of violating the CBSD Academic Integrity Policy (cheating).
 - Students should hear this message again at the start of every marking period.
 - Teachers are expected to contact home if a student is using their phone during any non-designated instructional time. This does not include the opening and closing moments of class if students use their phones for calendars, planners, or homework apps.

Any student found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to the following disciplinary consequences:

- 1st Offense: Cell Phone Violation/Student Referral
45 minute after-school detention on TWorT**
- 2nd Offense: Cell Phone Violation/Student Referral
90 minute after-school detention on TWorT**
- 3rd Offense: Cell Phone Violation/Student Referral
2 Hour Friday Detention**
- 4th Offense Cell Phone Violation/Student Referral
3 Hour Saturday Detention**

- Repeated infractions may be considered insubordination, based on the student's response to teacher intervention, and could result in Out of School Suspension.
- If a student needs to make an emergency phone call to a family member during the school day, then they may report to their respective House Office.



Student Laptop Agreement
Central Bucks School District
2019-2020

You will be using classroom laptops and internet resources as valuable educational tools in our classroom. Throughout the semester, you should adhere to some guidelines. If you cannot follow the guidelines provided, you may lose computer privileges for the semester.

Laptop Guidelines

1. Use two hands when carrying the laptop.
2. Laptops should be on the desks and not on your laps.
3. Before you close the computer you must exit all open windows and shut down.
4. If you become a distraction with the laptop, you will lose privileges (sounds, banging... etc).
5. If you are using software or navigating a website that is NOT the assigned class activity, you will lose privileges.
6. When you return the laptop, you must plug in the charge cord appropriately. If this is not done consistently, you will lose privileges.
7. Do not place anything on tops of the lap when it is closed.
8. Do not place food or drink anywhere near the laptop.

Internet Guidelines

1. Viewing inappropriate material on the internet is not acceptable. If while on task and researching appropriate material and something inappropriate appears, contact the teacher immediately.
2. Never share personal information on any sites used in the classroom. Use your blog name and login names that the teacher assigns.
3. Do not use another site's ideas, images, or information without citing appropriately.
4. DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP must be practiced at all times.

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the policies outlined in this syllabus. Furthermore, I recognize that it is my responsibility to check the class website, email or talk with my teacher when I have missed a class. In addition, I agree to follow the academic integrity policy set forth by the Central Bucks School District.

Student Name (print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____