

Physics – Trinity Valley School – Dr. Mitchell A. Hoselton

2006-2007 What Is Expected of each Student

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DO NOT DISTURB OR INTERRUPT THIS CLASS.

Respect your Teacher, respect your classmates and respect this classroom – The educational and laboratory equipment stored in the classroom is not for your inspection or casual handling. If it is not yours and not assigned to you for use that day, leave it alone.

Do not expect an **A** for a few minutes of work at the last minute. You will not get something for nothing here. However, if you work steadily every day, get your assignments in on time, and make an effort to learn the material, then you will earn and learn much from that effort.

Disrespect toward any teacher, student, parent or visitor in class or outside of class will result in adjustment of your Citizenship grade. Missed assignments (HW, Labs, Quizzes or Exams) will result in adjustment of your effort grade.

If you are tardy to class twice in one quarter, both Citizenship and Effort grades will be adjusted. Two more tardies and they will be adjusted again.

If you receive two out of uniform or gum-chewing warnings in one quarter, your Citizenship grade will be adjusted. Two more warnings and it will be adjusted again.

Flagrant abuse of school rules will result in a 4 for effort and/or discipline at the discretion of the instructor.

Work Ethic – The successful student works consistently on all scheduled assignments and does not distract others from working on theirs. This class is not a social occasion. There is always work waiting to be completed. When given an opportunity to work, work on Physics.

You are to complete each assignment and turn it in by the scheduled due date. If you waste time in class and/or waste time at home, you will accomplish little and your grade will show it. In general, late assignments are not accepted for grading and receive a grade of zero.

Cheating – Anyone who asks for answers or who gives answers to quiz or exam questions is cheating. You are not allowed to discuss these in or out of class until everyone in all classes has taken the quiz or the exam. Anyone who sees other students cheating and fails to notify the instructor is also a participant in the cheating. Cheating is unfair to those students who do not receive the same inside information as the cheaters.

Schedules – The HW, lab and exam schedules are posted at all times on the front board. If you do not understand the schedule, ask the instructor to explain. Keep a record in your 3-ring binder and update it daily to incorporate any changes posted on the front board.

Schedules will not be sent home in the event of illness unless the illness extends beyond the current schedule on the board in the classroom. It is your responsibility to keep a current copy of the assignment schedule in your binder.

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Due Dates – HW – Late homework assignments are not accepted for any reason. If you do not complete the assignment on time your grade will be determined by your last WebAssign submission. If no submissions were made then your grade will be zero.

HW due dates will not be extended to accommodate scheduled events; like sports trips or field trips, or family vacations, etc. Make your final WebAssign submission before you go.

Even in the event of illness, the HW due date will not be extended. Your best strategy is to work on the assignments ahead of time so that even if you get sick at the last minute, most of the assignment will already have been submitted. On-line HW assignments are submitted and collected on-line without the need for a sick student to physically come to school.

Due Dates – Labs – Labs come in two parts. There is one day of lab work in class. One week later the lab write-up is due. Before you can complete the write-up you must complete the lab work. Without prior agreement of the instructor, late lab write-ups get a zero grade.

If you miss a lab work day, due to illness or for any other reason, then you must come into the lab within the next couple of mornings and do the lab work before 1st period. If you are going on a trip, the Lab work should be completed either the day before or the day after the field or sports trip. In either case, the write-up is due on the same day as everyone else's write-up.

Due dates for the lab write-ups are usually one week after the scheduled lab workday. Write-up due dates remain the same for everyone. Doing the work late does not mean you get to submit the lab write-up late. There may be occasional extensions on lab write-up due dates, but only in the most extraordinary of circumstances and only with the prior approval of the instructor. Late lab work may only be conducted during the hour or so before first period.

Due Dates – Quizzes – These are given on unannounced days during class. In the event of a scheduled field or sports trip you may request an opportunity to take an equivalent quiz either the morning of your trip before first period or the day after your trip, again before first period. The only way to find out if we are having or had a quiz on a given day is to come by before first period and ask. If you ask and there is or was a quiz, then you must take the make up quiz immediately, without any delay. Otherwise, your quiz grade will be zero.

In the event you miss any quiz for any reason, you must take the make-up quiz on the first morning of your return; also before first period. It is your responsibility to ask if there was a quiz.

If you fail to show up for a make-up quiz at the first opportunity, then a grade of zero will be recorded.

Due Dates – Examinations – Exams are given at scheduled times and your job is to show up on time to take the exam on the scheduled date. One much harder make-up exam will be given a few days later for those with valid excuses for missing the original exam. If you do not have a valid excuse for missing a scheduled exam or fail to show up for the make-up exam, then a grade of zero will be recorded for this exam in the grade book, even if you think you have a valid excuse for missing both the original and the make-up exams.

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The Keys to Success in Physics

- Read and reread the textbook.
- Read and reread the lab handouts.
- Read and reread the HW, quiz, and exam questions to be sure you understand each question.
- Always do the HW assignments as early as possible.
- Arrive in class on time and prepared to take a quiz.
- You must be in your seat and prepared for class activities before the bell rings.
- Remember that HW prepares you for quizzes and quizzes prepare you for exams.
- Spend at least one hour outside of class working on Physics assignments every day.
- Bring your calculator, 3-ring binder, and textbook to class every day.
- Take notes on every lecture and then edit them within 12 hours with additional thoughts.

Add your own keys to success here as they occur to you. Share these with your instructor if you feel that you've found an especially good one that works for you.