

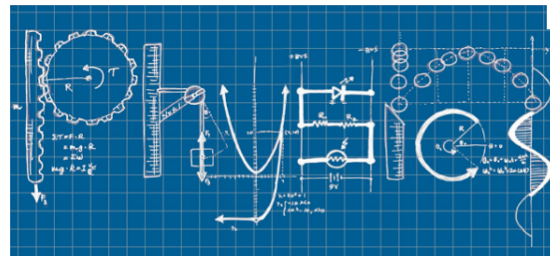
# Expectations and Policies

## Introductory Physics 2013-2014

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Welcome to HIGH SCHOOL and to "Introductory Physics"! This course is a study of the basic laws of Physics that govern the phenomenon in the world around us.

In order to be successful in this course, all rules and policies of the Newton South High School, as stated in the Student Handbook, apply to this course along with some specific course policies and expectations listed below.

### CLASS EXPECTATIONS:

1. Be Respectful of yourself, your classmates, adults, lab equipment, and classroom furniture.
2. Be Prepared: It is important that you come to class prepared every day. You may not go to your locker to get these items once class has started. In order to be prepared for class you must have the following at the beginning of class:

- A. Binder (at least a 1 inch) with a set of dividers (preferably colored)
- B. Pencils (multiple and at least one eraser)
- C. Calculator (scientific, non-programmable; you may check with me if a calculator you may own currently will suffice before purchasing) - cell phone NOT allowed to be used as a calculator. No sharing of calculators allowed.
- D. Homework due for the day

**Binder Note:** All handouts and notes for introductory physics class (ONLY) must be kept in an organized 3-ring binder. I would like you to set-up your binder in the following way:

- Binder sections (separated by dividers) clearly marked for easy reference:
  - #1: Syllabi and important papers
  - #2: Laboratory Log, Notes, Handouts
  - #3: H.W
  - #4: Do Now's / Tickets to Leave
  - #5: Quizzes, tests, and projects
- All handouts given to you must place it in the correct section. When I return graded work to you, be sure to place the work back in the correct section.

On days of some quizzes/tests, **I will collect and grade your binder to make sure that you have all of the papers and that all papers are in the correct sections of the binder. You will pick up your binder back by the end of class. The binder must be ready to be handed in at the beginning of class. THIS BINDER CHECK CONSTITUTES YOUR HOME WORK GRADE - YOU WILL GET NO CREDIT IF THE COMPLETED WORK IS NOT IN YOUR BINDER!**

3. Timeliness: Work assigned must be completed **on time**. Work is due the beginning of the next block we meet. If work is NOT completed by the due time, you will need to come during J block to complete the work. You may get an extension from me in advance in person or by e-mail from the night before if you are struggling with certain concepts AFTER you have attempted to get extra help. No work will be accepted after the date of the BINDER CHECK.
4. Work must be your own. Refer to the school's plagiarism policy for details.
5. I expect all students to make an honest effort in all classroom activities and labs. That does not mean just putting any answer in the questions to "complete the assignment". All homework assignments will be graded for accuracy and I will ask you to redo an assignment if you do not meet the standards.
6. You must be in class 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 (having all 4 items (A-D from 2) outlined on the front side of this sheet) once class has started, you will be considered tardy for that class.** You will receive a warning for

your first offense. Subsequent tardies will result in detention AFTER school on that day or the next morning BEFORE school.

7. You are responsible for reading and following the school's attendance policy as stated in the Student Handbook. An unexcused absence will earn you a grade of ZERO for that day's activity/ quiz/ test / assignment, as well as result in a detention with the housemaster or me. An excused absence gives you the right to make up any missed work.
  - a. You are always responsible for what happens in class. If you miss a class, you must see me individually immediately upon your return to discuss an appropriate timeframe to complete class work or homework. You should find a buddy or two who can help you out when you do miss class or utilize the class website.
  - b. If you miss a test or quiz, you must make it up within **2 school days**. (You are responsible for arranging a time with me).
  - c. If you missed a laboratory experiment, you must make it up on the **next J-block** when you come back to school.
8. Communication: I expect that you keep an open line of communication with me. Please feel free to ask questions. I am available for extra help in various ways:
  - **ALL J-blocks (Science assistants, who are typically seniors may be available as well)**
  - Via Appointment: before or after school or during a common study-hall/strategies support time if you CANNOT meet during J-Block for a valid reason.
  - E-mail me with quick questions.
  - Use SHC (Science Help Center). A schedule will be posted soon.
9. Grades: Grades will be calculated on the basis of your performance on tests, quizzes, H.W, labs, projects and class participation points. Mid-term reports will be handed to you and it is your responsibility to share those with your parents/guardians. You may check in with me anytime to find out if you are missing work.
10. LAB Policy: During the year we will be using various resources to aid/enhance your learning. These include, but are not limited to the use of computers, digital and analog scientific equipment, sources of heat and current, and objects that may be heavy, big, fragile or sharp. You are expected to follow appropriate safety precautions when using these resources. In many cases I will explicitly state the DOs and DO NOT DOs as applicable but please use common sense at ALL times. Any breach of the safety protocol will automatically result in a zero for the activity and will merit a complaint to your housemaster and a call home.

PLEASE READ EVERYTHING PRINTED ABOVE AND SIGN AT THE BOTTOM.

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