

# Lincoln High School Introductory Physics, 2017-2018

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Welcome to introductory Physics! Below you will find information that will be valuable to you throughout the year, so read the information below and see me if you have any questions.

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This class is intended to provide you with a basic understanding of the physical laws at work in nature. Lab activities are the foundation of this course. The design of most Laboratory activities is to require students to analyze collected data and come to an individual and/or group conclusion. Lab activities may be done to introduce, reinforce, or explore topics. In this course, you will be expected to work in small and large groups, individually, and participate in class discussions. Although not all learning is fun (hopefully, much of it will be!), I will do my best to make the material relevant and the classroom environment relaxed and an enjoyable place to learn.

## MATERIALS

**\*The following materials should be brought daily.**

Physics Supplemental Text (online): The Physics Classroom

Scientific Calculator

Pencil

Paper for Note Taking

Three Ring Binder

Dry Erase Markers

## ATTENDANCE/MAKE-UP WORK

Being in class every day is very important to your success in this course. Students who are absent are responsible for obtaining assignments/announcements from the teacher and turning in work. Assignments can be found on my website and are also posted in class. Make-up assignments are due two days after returning to school. In the event of a prolonged absence, arrangements need to be made with the teacher to complete missing work. If an absence is unexcused, credit for missed work **will not** be given.

## LATE WORK

Daily work will be collected when the unit test is taken, 20% will be deducted if homework is turned in late and it will not be accepted after one week of taking the test. Labs need to be turned in the day they are due, if you are not complete, you need to come in before school and complete the lab. If you do so before your lab is graded, no points will be deducted, if you do not come in to complete the lab, points for incomplete portions are lost. One lab score will be dropped each quarter.

## GRADING

Your grade will be based on the instructor's assessment of labs/projects, daily work, quizzes and tests. The weight of each category is listed below. Cheating will not be tolerated, zeros will be given for the work. The district grading scale and weight of each category are below. Semester grades are based on the average of the two quarter grades and the semester final which is 15% of the semester grade.

<b>A</b>	<b>100-93</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Weight</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>92-85</b>	<b>Tests</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>84-76</b>	<b>Labs/Projects</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>75-65</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Below 65</b>	<b>Quizzes</b>	<b>10%</b>

**\*Be sure to save all of your assignments for future reference and in case of a mistake.**

**\*\*See me promptly if you have a question about a grade, individual extra credit is NOT AVAILABLE.**

## EXTRA HELP

*DON'T GET BEHIND!* If you need extra help, I am available before school. During football and track season I am not available after school, other times I am generally available until 4 pm.

## CLASS RULES

1. Be here, be on time, and come prepared. (Bring chromebook, notebook, assignments, pencil, and calculator.)
2. Listen to and follow directions.
3. Be respectful of others in the classroom.
4. Stay on task.