

# Physical Science B Course Syllabus

## Course Instructor

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## Required Supplies:

- PEN or PENCIL
- CALCULATOR (does NOT need to be scientific)
- 3 RING BINDER!!!

## Tardy Policy:

- If you are not through the door at the start of class then you are TARDY, NO exceptions! I follow the guidelines that are set forth in the Caledonia Student Handbook (page 15). Basically you have TWO free passes.

## Discipline:

- The Golden Rule!!!
- If you are causing a disruption in class I will give out a warning.
- If you continue to be disruptive/disrespectful then I will send to Mrs. Okrangley's room.
- First time being sent there is a warning
- Second time and each following time will be issued a detention

## Phone/Electronics Policy:

- There will be no warnings with phones. If I SEE it I will TAKE it!
- First Offense: I will call home and let a guardian know about the incident and you can receive your phone after or before school.
- Second Offense: A parent or guardian must pick up the phone.
- Phones are not allowed in the school and therefore there are not allowed in my classroom.
- Along with phones, all other electronic devices are not allowed in the classroom (ipods/mp3s, iPads, or anything else that would be considered a distraction)

## Food/Drink Policy:

- No Food or colored drinks will be allowed during class time. ONLY Water.

## All other policies:

- I follow any of the other policies that are set forth in the Caledonia High School Student Handbook (dress code, discipline, attendance, etc.)

### **Course Breakdown:**

- Unit 1 - Physics of Motion
- Unit 2 - Waves, Light and Sound
- Unit 3 - Electricity and Magnetism
- Unit 4 - Heat and Energy
- Final Exam

### **Weighted Categories for Grading:**

- Homework/Labs : 40%
- Quizzes : 15%
- Tests : 30%
- Final Exam : 15%

### **Grading Scale:**

94.5 - 100 =	A	72.5 - 76.4 =	C
89.5 - 94.4 =	A-	69.5 - 72.4 =	C-
86.5 - 89.4 =	B+	66.5 - 69.4 =	D+
82.5 - 86.4 =	B	62.5 - 66.4 =	D
79.5 - 82.4 =	B-	59.5 - 62.4 =	D-
76.5 - 79.4 =	C+	Below 59.5 =	NC

### **Details about the course:**

- There will be 4 tests (1 for each unit) over the course of the trimester, and there will be a formal lab report that will be worth one test grade. If they want to replace this lab grade with a better grade they may do so, following the rubric on one of the other labs that we will complete later in the year. Late lab reports will be marked down 10% for each day they are late.
- Homework: I will do two different types of grading with the homework.
  - Option 1 (more frequent option): I will collect the homework and grade it on the correctness of the assignment.
  - Option 2 (less frequent option): I will collect the homework and grade it on a credit/no credit scale.

### **Late Policy:**

- I DO accept late work.
- All late assignments will be worth half credit.
- I will grade assignment then take 50% off of the score.
- Not all assignments can be turned in late!
  - Warm Up's must be turned in the day they are due.
  - Most other assignments will be accepted as a late grade.

### **Absences:**

- If you are absent it YOUR responsibility to come talk to me and find out what you missed.
- Use the website to see what you missed.
- It is YOUR responsibility to find me if you missed a test/quiz and coordinate a time to make it up.

## **Syllabus: Parent/Student Signature**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read over the rules and expectations for this Physical Science B course.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_