

# A Student's Guide to PHYSICS 1A 2018-2019

## Clear Expectations & Practical Advice



### Attendance

- Come to class prepared.
- Be in your seat when the bell sounds ready to start Warm Up. Log into your computer ready to start class.
- Come to class wearing your BHS identification badge every day.

### Absences

During all absences, it is strongly recommended that you still log on to Blackboard Learn for a list of tasks that were completed the day of your absence.

School related absences do not receive extra time to complete assignments. All tasks are available to you early so work ahead if know you will be absent.

It is your responsibility to set make-up time if necessary for labs or tests during lunch, study hall or after school.

**If a due date/time cannot be met, you must arrange an extension with your teacher prior to the due date/time.**

### Necessary Materials

- Reliable computer and internet connection
- Charger for computer
- Scientific calculator
- Headphones/Earbuds

### Suggested Materials

- Binder for organization of warm-ups, note taking guides, reference materials, etc.
- Mouse for computer use.
- Cell phones (other smart devices) are allowed for school related work only with prior permission.

### Good Practices

- Back up work frequently using Drive.
- Keep your files saved and organized in folders (not in Downloads) by units as your work will quickly pile up.
- Plan ahead. Don't leave things until the last minute. Websites might be unexpectedly unavailable, internet connections might be weak, and computers might crash.

### Curriculum

Curriculum includes (but not limited to) measurement, motion, force, Newton's Laws, energy, work, power, simple machines, electrostatics, electricity, waves, sound, light and magnetism.

### Text Book

*Physical Science by Glencoe; 2005 ed.*

Students may access text book resources on line at:

<http://glencoe.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0078600510/>.

- Online text book resources only work with Internet Explorer. A link to the text book can be found on my website or in Blackboard Learn.
- PDF links will also be provided.

### Curriculum Tasks

**Video Lessons** will be used to deliver content. It is in your best interest to print a copy of the note taking guide, listen to the video, take notes and complete the follow-up practices.

**Post Assessments** must be passed with an 80% or completion of the note taking guide is no longer optional.

**Practices** are essential in mastering the content and can be completed multiple times to helping with mastery. Practices must be passed with a 65%.

**Lab Reports** will be scored according to a rubric. You may be provided the opportunity to make corrections on Lab Reports.

**Concept Quizzes** must be passed with a 65% to move on to the next concept. You may reference your printed notes.

**Unit Tests** will open up once all required tasks are completed. Mastering all practices before the test is essential. Unit Tests must be passed with a 65% to move on to the next unit. Notes are not allowed on Unit Tests.

### Evaluation

**All homework assignments and labs are due according to the day/time posted on Blackboard Learn. Half credit will be recorded for late assignments.**

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### Grading Scale

A+	= 98 - 100%
A	= 95 - 97%
A-	= 92 - 94%
B+	= 89 - 91%
B	= 86 - 88%
B-	= 83 - 85%
C+	= 80 - 82%
C	= 77 - 79%
C-	= 74 - 76%
D+	= 71 - 73%
D	= 68 - 70%
D-	= 65 - 67%

Grades are posted daily on Infinite Campus (Parent Portal) not Blackboard Learn.

Check your grade routinely and notice if you have any missing scores. If you have a missing score, it is highly likely that you have missing work. Missing work requires your immediate attention.

### Extra Credit

Few extra credit opportunities are available throughout the semester.

### Cheating

**There is zero tolerance for cheating. This includes (but not limited to) false representation of a piece of work, copying from another student or website, discussing quiz or test answers. You will earn a zero with no make-up.**

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### Blackboard Learn

**[courses.k12.sd.us](https://courses.k12.sd.us)**

**WEBSITE** <http://jh399.k12.sd.us>

### Individualized Help

3<sup>rd</sup> Period & 6<sup>th</sup> Period Preps  
in my room or office;

Lunch B by appointment.

After school most days until 4:00.