

A Student's Guide to Heier's Classroom  
P.S. Physics 2013-2014  
Clear Expectations & Practical Advice



**Attendance**

- ◆ Come to class on time.
  - ◆ Come to class prepared.
  - ◆ Come to class ready to learn.
  - ◆ Be in your seat when the bell sounds. Have your binder open ready to start warm-up.
- Do not wait for me to tell you to sit down.**

**Absences**

After an absence, don't ask me "Did I miss anything?" or "Did we do anything important?" When you come to class, check the absence binder. After checking the absence binder, pick up work from the corresponding folders.

Student has two days for every day of excused absences to complete assignments (this includes test and quizzes). Lab material will be available for 1 week only.

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

All missed work must be completed for credit. Just because you have your absence excused does not mean you are excused from doing the work.

**Necessary Materials**

- ◆ 3 Ring Binder for organization of warm-ups, notes, daily work, hand-outs, lab reports, etc.
- ◆ Pencil or pen
- ◆ Paper
- ◆ Basic calculator

**Optional Materials**

Colored pencils, scissors, ruler, graph paper, box of tissues, etc.

**Do not** bring food or drink to class. (Water is fine.)

**Do not** bring cell phones, CD players, iPods, or other such electronic devices to class without permission.

**Breaks**

Please use your passing time between classes for breaks. I offer twenty bonus points for students who have not used a hall pass for the entire quarter.

**Classroom Behavior**

Disrespect of others and their property is unacceptable. Behave in a way that is supportive of learning. When an individual is addressing the class you are expected to listen and not speak.

Respect others questions, answers, and opinions.

Don't talk in class if your conversation is not part of a classroom discussion. Talking when someone else is talking - especially when I am addressing the class - is rude. DON'T!

Failure to follow this rule will earn a 20 minute "working" detention during lunch time.

**Curriculum**

Curriculum includes (but not limited to) Motion, Newton's Laws, Energy, Work & Simple Machines, Heat, Electrostatics, Electricity, and Waves.

**Text Book**

*Physical Science by Glencoe; 2005 edition.* Students may also access text book resources on line at:

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

If you do not have Internet access at home but have a computer, a textbook on CD is available.

**Cheating**

**There is zero tolerance for cheating. You will earn a zero with no make-up.**

**Homework**

Homework will include studying for quizzes and tests, reading assignments, worksheets, lab reports, vocabulary definitions, study guides, and special projects. Students will usually have the opportunity to start assignments during class time.

**Evaluation**

All assignments will be completed by the due date given. Half credit will be recorded for late assignments.

All homework assignments are due at the beginning of class.

**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 weekly. 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**

A variety of extra credit opportunities are available throughout the semester.

**Contact Information**

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**Individualized Help**

3<sup>rd</sup> Period & 7<sup>th</sup> Period Preps in my room or office; During 4A Lunch; After school *most days* until 4:00.