

Forsyth County Schools Course Syllabus 2023/2024

COURSE TITLE:	Physics		
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Course Description (GaDOE): The Physics curriculum is designed to continue student investigations of the physical sciences that began in grades K-8 and provide students the necessary skills to be proficient in physics. This curriculum includes more abstract concepts such as interactions of matter and energy, velocity, acceleration, force, energy, momentum, and charge. This course introduces the students to the study of the correction to Newtonian physics given by quantum mechanics and relativity. Students investigate physics concepts through experience in laboratories and field work using the processes of inquiry.

Standards: Course Standards can be found at <https://lor2.gadoe.org/gadoe/file/4c8cb053-4fde-4850-a917-40d71763a719/1/Science-Physics-Georgia-Standards.pdf>

Required Assignments: Labs

Required Materials: Scientific Calculator

Availability for Extra Help: M-F 8:00 am - 9:00 am. M-F, M-F 3:45 pm - 4:00 pm, IF Wed, Fri

Makeup Work: Make up work is defined as work assigned during a student's absence, not work assigned prior to an absence. The student has five (5) school days upon returning to school to complete make-up work. The teacher has the discretion to grant a longer period to make up work if there are extenuating circumstances.

Grading Calculations:

Course Average = 50% (1st Sem. Course Work) + 50% (2nd Sem. Course Work) 1st
and 2nd Semester Course Work = 75% Summative + 25% Formative

Grading Policy:

A = 90 – 100

B = 80 – 89

C = 70 – 79

Failing = Below 70

Formative Assessments include, but are not limited to, homework, class work, labs, investigations, practice tests, rough drafts, and sections of projects/research papers/presentations.

Summative Assessments include, but are not limited to, unit tests, final projects, final essays, formal lab reports, final research papers, and final presentations.

Learning Resources/Textbook(s): All learning resources, both print and digital, are meant to support and enhance the student learning experience in this class. Below are the names of the textbooks and websites that will be used in this course. Some of the web-based resources require parent permission per federal regulations. Federal laws that guide parent permission requirements are as follows:

- **Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA):** The school is required by CIPA to have technology measures and policies in place that protect students from harmful materials including those that are obscene and pornographic. Any harmful content contained within inappropriate sites will be blocked. <http://fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/cipa.html>

- **Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA):** COPPA applies to commercial companies and limits their ability to collect personal information from children under 13 years of age. No personal student information is collected for commercial purposes.

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<https://www.ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/guidance/complying-coppa-frequently-asked-questions-0>

- **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):** FERPA protects the privacy of student education records and gives parents the right to review records. Under FERPA, schools may disclose directory information in certain circumstances.
<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa>

Please review the resource list. Each website related to the curriculum resources is provided along with its privacy policies. Should you have any questions regarding these resources, immediately contact the course teacher via email or phone.

Name of Resource*	Hard copy/Website	Privacy Policy
Glencoe Physics: Principles & Problems	Class set of textbooks	Not applicable
Explore Learning	Digital supplemental material (accessed via ClassLink)	https://www.explorelearning.com/index.cfm?method=Controller.dspPrivacy
Newsela	Digital supplemental material (accessed via ClassLink)	https://newsela.com/about/privacy-policy/

* The following resources are county approved. These resources may vary by school due to sequencing, pacing, curriculum design, and/or individual needs of students.

"As a part of their participation in AP Courses, students may be expected to utilize accounts created with the College Board via their official website. These accounts provide students with access to AP Course resources, AP Exam practice materials, individualized results from AP Exams and other assessments offered by the College Board. Parents and students should review the College Board privacy policies and collaboratively create and manage this account. For additional information, please contact the AP Coordinator at your student's school, and visit <https://privacy.collegeboard.org/privacy-center/>."

Student's Name (Print)

Parent's Name (Print)

Parent Signature

Date