

# Mr. Spencer's Expectations and Guidelines

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## Course Description: Physics A

This course will cover the following physical topics: introduction to science and physics, waves, light, and charge. Other units may also be added or extended.

## Supplies

1. Physics textbook (provided by teacher)
2. Lab books (provided by teacher)
3. Notebook
4. Writing utensils (pens, pencils, etc.)

## Classroom Rules

1. Participate
2. Respect everyone and everything
3. Leave the room better than you found it
4. Be Prepared

## Classroom Expectations

1. All students are to be in their assigned seats working on the day's "bell ringer" when the bell rings. (1)
2. Only one person will be speaking at a time; please raise your hand. (2)
3. Eating, chewing gum, and drinking in the classroom are not permitted. (2, 3)
4. Although a bell may ring, the teacher excuses you from the classroom. (1, 2)
5. If you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to:
  - a. submit any due assignments the day of your return (1, 4)
  - b. copy all missed class notes from a peer (1,4)
  - c. if you miss a test or quiz, determine a time to make up that test or quiz with your teacher (1, 4)
6. Label all assignments with your full name, period, and date. (1)
7. Tests, quizzes, and homework will be returned to you after they are scored. It is recommended that you retain these for future study. (1, 4)
8. Students will bring their notebook and writing utensil to class **every** day. Be prepared! (4)
9. Class attendance is very important. Physics, like all of the sciences, is a subject that builds upon previous material. Make every effort to be in class. (1)
10. Cheating on any assignment will result in a zero for that assignment. (4)

## PhysBook (optional)

You will need a hard bound lab-type book for this ongoing, optional project. A thorough description will be provided in class.

## Restrooms

You must present this sheet to use the hall pass during class.

- Hall Pass #1
- Hall Pass #2
- Hall Pass #3

## Laboratories

We will be working with potentially dangerous chemicals and materials in lab. Therefore, safety is of utmost importance. Any students acting contrary to safety guidelines will not be permitted to work in lab.

1. Students must wear safety goggles, when required, in lab.
2. Some labs will require a written report. Follow the guidelines in the “lab report rubric” that will be provided and explained.
3. Any lab missed due to absence must be made up within one week of your return.
4. Late labs, as with all other assignments, will result in a deduction of points.

## Homework

Homework assignments are due at the beginning of class. Once the homework folder is put away, anything handed in is late and will have points deducted. No late homework assignments will be accepted after one week of their due date. For every day an assignment is late, 10% will be deducted from the total score — up to 50%.

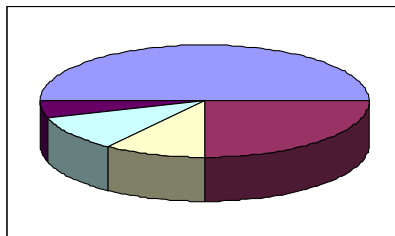
## Quizzes

I will have few quizzes throughout the year. Quizzes will be based on the recent notes, homework, and class activities. Some will be announced and others will be unannounced.

## Grading

Your trimester will be calculated according to the following scale:

Lab Books	50%
Tests	25%
Homework	10%
Projects	10%
Final Notebook	5%



\*Final grades will be calculated according to the following scale:

100-95	A	86-83	B	76-73	C	66-63	D
94-90	A-	82-80	B-	72-70	C-	62-60	D-
89-87	B+	79-77	C+	69-67	D+	59-0	F

## Extra Help

Extra help will be available almost every day after school for a half hour. You may also receive extra help at other times by appointment. If you are confused, have questions, or want to reinforce the material, please put forth the effort to see your teacher.

*\*This document subject to change at discretion of teacher.*

Please sign and return by Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's or Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's or Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's or Guardian's Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's or Guardian's Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Questions or Comments: