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### Course Description

Welcome! The purpose of Physics is to allow students to develop an understanding of motion, light, sound, electricity and magnetism. Demonstrations, lab experiments, readings, discussions, lectures, computer activities and performance assessments will provide students with an introduction to the way in which Physics has practical applications in his/her everyday life.

### Course Requirements

Your grade will be determined based on how you perform in the following areas: laboratory work, quizzes, exams and homework assignments.

**Assignments:** (20 %) Classroom and homework assignments will be given on a weekly basis. They are designed to help you master the concepts covered and it is essential to keep up with these assignments. Students will be using an online homework service for weekly assignments. Late work will be reduced by one letter grade for each day it is late.

**Laboratory:** Laboratory work will be done bi-monthly and is in the same category as quizzes. Students are required to keep all returned/graded laboratory assignments in a designated section of their notebooks.

Safety around lab equipment is of the utmost importance in this class! Students are responsible for their own safety and the safety of others around them.

**Quizzes:** (25 %) They will cover any materials that have been covered in class or assigned reading. Quizzes will usually be given at the beginning of class. Please show up on time and prepared for class.

**Exams:** (50%) The majority of a student's final grade will come from exams. Tests will be multiple choice and free response.

**Citizenship:** 5 % of semester work is based on citizenship. Citizenship points are taken away for unexcused tardiness, unexcused absences, cell phone use during class and disrespectful behavior.

**Makeup work:** If it is absolutely necessary to be absent, it is the student's responsibility to check Mr. Kuhn's website to find out about the work he/she missed in class. Makeup work will not be allowed for unexcused absences. All late or makeup work must be turned in before the unit exam.

**Final Grades:** Semester grades will be calculated as follows: Each semester = 80%. Semester final exam = 20 %. This class uses the rounded curve grading scale A 100-89.5; B 89.5-79.5; C 79.5-69.5; D 69.5-59.5; F below 59.5.

**Materials needed:** 3- ring binder (one inch thick)

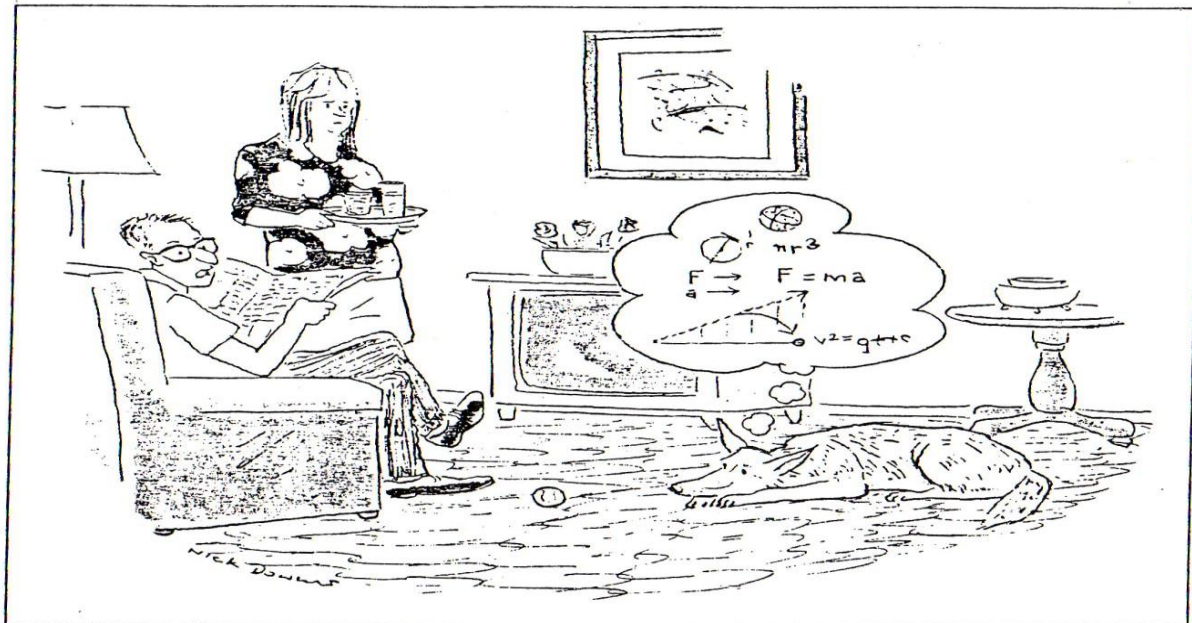
- One set of dividers
- Lined notebook paper
- Graph paper
- Pencil or pen
- Calculator
- Notebook
- Computer w/internet access

**Classroom Rules:** All school rules will be enforced in this class. In addition:

1. Come prepared to class.
2. Be on time.
3. No food, drink
4. No cheating.
5. Be safe-lab equipment can be dangerous if not handled properly. Cleanliness and organization is a must!
6. Electronic devices must be put away for the entire class.

**Extra Help:** If a student needs extra help for any reason I am available every day from 7:10-7:35 and Wednesday during homeroom and by appointment during my plan period.

**Conclusion to the Student:** It is my goal that with the above policies and your positive attitude, we will have a great year in this course. Knowing what is expected of you will contribute to your success in this class. If you or your parents have any questions, please email me at [Kenneth.Kuhn@dcsdk12.org](mailto:Kenneth.Kuhn@dcsdk12.org) and I will return all correspondences as soon as possible.



*"All he thinks about is that stupid ball."*