
AP Calculus and AP Physics

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The grade you earn will be partitioned as follows:

Homework	10%
Tests	50%
Quizzes	25%
Labs	15%



Homework will be given on a daily basis. At times, such as before a test or announced quiz, this homework will consist primarily of studying. Most homework will be graded for completion using the honor system. Homework will be collected occasionally for thoroughness and correctness.

Physics is both mathematical and “hands-on.” As such, we will be performing a large number of laboratory exercises. The majority of labs will take place on Thursday. Your lowest lab grade will be dropped. Therefore, the first lab you miss will be your dropped lab grade. In the event you miss more than one lab, make-up labs will be administered on the last Friday of each month.

Quizzes will be given once per week and may or may not be announced. Your lowest quiz grade will be dropped. Tests are both an evaluation instrument for the instructor and a learning experience for the student. With this in mind, a large number of tests will be take-home tests. A high level of integrity on your part is assumed. Please do not give any reason for your honesty to be doubted. As an AP student, your desire to learn for yourself should supersede any inkling to circumvent the learning process. You may drop your lowest test grade if you memorize the Greek alphabet.

Since this is an AP course, I will expect from you both your best and a high level of academic professionalism. The following guidelines are essential to your success in this course:

- Of course, all the school rules and expectations apply.
- Assignments are to be completed in pencil. Assignments not written in pencil are not accepted.
- All work must be neat, legible, and organized. We’ll discuss what is and is not acceptable.
- Assignments are expected on the due date. Late assignments are not accepted.
- Homework is assigned daily.
- If you are absent, you are responsible for acquiring the information you missed.
- It is very important that you arrive to class promptly.

You will need a graphing calculator. If you do not own one, now is a good time to make the investment. Otherwise, per school policy, they are available for loan upon receipt of a \$100 deposit. The cost of each AP exam is \$83. Let me know if you need some help with this and I will get the funds.