

2023 - 2024 School Year

Michigan Center High School

Class: Physical Science

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Course Objectives: The purpose of this class is to investigate and understand the world around us focusing more on comprehension than calculations. That being said, there will be some formulas and mathematical computations that will have to be made. The more that you understand about this course and its scientific principles, the easier time you will have in advanced classes such as biology, chemistry and honors physics.

Join the correct Google Classroom based upon the hour that you have Physical Science with the following codes:

1st Hour: eacqhhz

2nd Hour: 27cbhs5

3rd Hour: j5zuvig

5th Hour: smouz4c

While in person teaching will occur as normal, we will use a mix of google classroom and paper copies for assignments and tests. In person lab activities will have a paper copy when the lab is conducted.

Curricular Focus: State of Michigan HSCE's and NGSS will be utilized in teaching physical science concepts. Content discipline includes: Science Process Skills, Matter and Fluid Mechanics, Linear Motion, Newton's Laws, Momentum and Energy, Electrostatics, Circuits and Magnetism, Waves and Sound, and Color and Light.

Materials:

- chromebook -folder or binder -writing utensils -calculator
- earbuds -tissues/hand sanitizer -water bottle

*Occasionally materials such as tape, glue, or cardboard may be asked for to assist with lab investigations.

Grading Policy: Total Point System Categories include - Participation/Classwork/Tests	Semester Grades are calculated using the following format: 40% quarter one total 40% quarter two total 20% semester exam
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Checking your grades: You can access <https://mcpsd.powerschool.com/public/home.html> (powerschool) or check directly with me.

Teacher Website: Please reference <http://mrpepperphysics.weebly.com> and use it as you see fit to help you with reading, videos, assignments, and study guides. However, google classroom is the primary source for materials/assignments/notes/etc.

Academic Dishonesty: No students are allowed to copy work from other students, copy and paste information electronically, or use notes on tests/quizzes without prior consent. Failure to follow this policy results in a '0' for the assignment/test.

Hallway Passes: Do your best to take care of non-class related items between classes. You are allowed 4 passes per quarter. Unused passes count as extra credit towards your quarterly grade. You are responsible for any missed information! A hall pass is required when out of the classroom. If you are repeatedly asking to leave during class time, you may forfeit the ability to leave entirely.

Late Work: To get the most out of class, it is important that you check in and complete material daily. Late work graded at 50% of points earned. Once a new unit is started, no work from a previous unit will be scored. If for some reason you were absent, see me at the beginning of the class period the day that you return. I will not print extra copies if you lose one!

Classroom Rules:

1. Follow all non-negotiable rules! (No disrespect, loud voices, profanity, inappropriate touching, etc.)
2. Be respectful to everyone!
3. Work at an appropriate noise level.
4. Please clean up after yourself. All trash needs to go in a waste basket. You are responsible for your area!
5. No sitting on the lab counters!
6. DO NOT line up at the door prior to dismissal. Be in your seat so you can leave on time.
7. Use technology appropriately! Complete your work, feel confident in your understanding of the material, then time is yours.

Phone Policy:

When class starts, you are to be off your phone. Remember why you are here!

1st offense: Reminder to put your phone away.

2nd offense: Your phone goes in the phone caddy at the front of the room and can be picked up at the end of class.

3rd offense: Phone will be sent to the office/referral for insubordination.

Once instruction has been completed and your science work is done and turned in for the hour, you can be on your phone as long as it isn't distracting to other students and you are using it appropriately.

I have read and understand the above rules and classroom expectations and will work to the best of my ability to ensure a successful school year!

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____