



# Southside High School

An International Baccalaureate High School

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## Course Syllabus

**School Year:** 2012-2013

**Instructor:** Mr. Rogers

**Course:** AP Physics C Mechanics

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**After school Extra-Help (Days/Time):** Mon., Thurs, Fri.

## General Course Description and Objectives:

**AP Physics Mechanics C:** a college level calculus based physics course dealing with Newtonian mechanics.

## Course Outline

**I. Unit Title:** Kinematics

**Begin and End Dates:** 8-22 to 09-06

**Chapters:** 2

**Specific Outcomes (Objectives/Standards):**

Motion in one dimension

**Unit Assessment:** Test

**II. Unit Title:** Vectors

**Begin and End Dates:** 09 - 07 to 09 - 18

**Chapters:** 3

**Specific Outcomes (Objectives/Standards)**

vector algebra, components of vectors

**Unit Assessment:** Test

**III. Unit Title:** Projectile Motion  
**Begin and End Dates:** 09 - 21 to 10 - 02  
**Chapters:** 4

**Specific Outcomes (Objectives/Standards)**  
Motion in two dimensions including projectile motion

**Unit Assessment:** Test

**IV. Unit Title:** Newton's Laws  
**Begin and End Dates:** 10 - 02 to 10 - 23  
**Chapters:** 5

**Specific Outcomes (Objectives/Standards)**  
1.Static equilibrium (first law)  
2.Dynamics of single particle (2nd law)  
3.Systems of two or more bodies (3rd law)

**Unit Assessment:** Test

**V. Unit Title:** Friction  
**Begin and End Dates:** 10 - 26 to 11 - 06  
**Chapters:** 5

**Specific Outcomes (Objectives/Standards)**  
Newton's laws of motion (friction)

**Unit Assessment:** Test

**VI. Unit Title:** Mechanical Energy  
**Begin and End Dates:** 11 - 09 to 12 - 04  
**Chapters:** 7 and 8

**Specific Outcomes (Objectives/Standards)**  
C. Work, energy, power  
F. Oscillations and gravitation  
1.Simple harmonic motion  
2.Mass on a spring  
3.Pendulum and other oscillations

**VII. Unit Title:** Linear Momentum  
**Begin and End Dates:** 12 - 07, 12 - 18

**Chapters:** 9

**Specific Outcomes (Objectives/Standards)**

D. Systems of particles, linear momentum

1. Center of mass
2. Impulse and momentum
3. Conservation of linear momentum, collisions

**Unit Assessment:** Test

**VIII. Unit Title:** Gravity

**Begin and End Dates:** 01 – 20, 02 - 02

**Chapters:** 12

**Specific Outcomes (Objectives/Standards)**

F. Oscillations and gravitation

4. Newton's law of gravity
5. Orbits of planets and satellites
  - a. Circular
  - b. General

**Unit Assessment:** Test

**IX. Unit Title:** Circular Motion

**Begin and End Dates:** 02 – 03, 02 - 10

**Chapters:**

**Specific Outcomes (Objectives/Standards)**

E. Circular motion and rotation

1. Uniform circular motion

**Unit Assessment:** Test

**X. Unit Title:** Statics

**Begin and End Dates:** 02 – 11, 02 - 18

**Chapters:** 12

**Specific Outcomes (Objectives/Standards)**

E. Circular motion and rotation

2. Torque and rotational statics

**Unit Assessment:** Test

**XI. Unit Title:** Rotation

**Begin and End Dates:** 02 – 19,  
**Chapters:** 10 & 11, 03 - 19

**Specific Outcomes (Objectives/Standards)**

- E. Circular motion and rotation
  - 3. Rotational kinematics and dynamics
  - 4. Angular momentum and its conservation

**Unit Assessment:** Test

**XII. Unit Title:** IB Energy Production  
**Begin and End Dates:** 02 – 03, 05 - 03  
**Chapters:** internet

**Specific Outcomes (Objectives/Standards)**

Topic 8: Energy, power and climate change

**Unit Assessment:** Test

**XIII. Unit Title:**  
**Begin and End Dates:** 03 – 22, 05 - 03  
**Chapters:**

**Specific Outcomes (Objectives/Standards)**

# 5 on AP Exam

**Text:**

**Physics for Scientists and Engineers**  
by Raymond A. Serway, John W. Jewett

**Materials Needed:**

1. **A USB thumb drive** or other storage media for maintaining your electronic portfolio of physics assignments. We will attempt to be as close to a paperless classroom as possible.
2. **A set of dry erase markers.** You will frequently be working problems in class on a white board.
3. **A package of 3x5 cards:** Starting immediately, each student will, over the course of the year create a set of flash cards to use as a study aid.
4. **A graphing calculator**

**Grading Policy and Assessments:**

**A = 93-100**  
**B = 85-92**

**C = 77-84**

**D = 70-76**

**F = 0-69**

**Quarter:**

**Major Assessments: 60%** (minimum 3-4)

**Minor Assessments: 40%** (minimum 12)

*Minor assessments* will consist of: Tests and major projects

*Major assessments* will consist of: Homework, participation, labs, minor projects

**Attendance Policy:**

School Policy: a student may not miss more than ten days from a year-long course. Those ten days include parent's notes, suspensions, unexcused absences, administrative, or late arrival notes. After ten absences, a doctor's note or administrative excuse must be provided or the student will not receive credit for the course.

**What to do if you miss a class:**

**Excused Absence:** Quizzes cannot be made up but will not count against a student with an excused absence. If you have an excused absence, you will be able to make up all other work. Provision for make-up work is the student's responsibility and must be done outside of class within five (5) consecutive school days after the student returns to school.

**Unexcused Absence:** Make up work and tests for unexcused absences will not be accepted.

**Academic and Behavioral Expectation**

- 1.If Mr. Rogers, a guest speaker, or a substitute is addressing the class or a test is in progress, students should be silent. Otherwise, students may discuss class related information in low level voices. The noise level should never rise to the point that it is hard to hear.
- 2.Remain seated except with teacher permission.
- 3.Come to class prepared and use your class time for learning the subject.
- 4.All equipment in the classroom is off limits except with teacher permission.
- 5.Commit yourself to passing the AP Exam.
- 6.Be respectful to others at all times, especially to guests and visitors.

