

# Iona Prep

## Course Syllabus

### STEP Physics 2022-2023

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**Course description:** The STEP Physics class will investigate the physical laws governing matter and energy. The focus will be on developing an understanding of the qualitative and quantitative aspects of physics. Throughout this course, emphasis will be placed on observation, interpretation, and reasoning. We will model physical interactions using algebra, geometry, and trigonometry. This is a lab course, and many of the objectives are aligned with the New York State Physical Settings / Physics Core Curriculum.

#### LEARNING GOALS

Upon successful completion of this course, a student will be able to

- State and explain the postulates of Special Relativity.
- Understand how to complete and report a laboratory investigation
- Analyze experimental data, noting trends and comparing with expected results
- Understand how motion is relative, describe different types of motion (1-d, 2-d, free-fall,)
- Distinguish between vector quantities and scalar quantities and do the associated mathematics.
- Calculate components of vectors
- Describe horizontal and vertical components of projectile motion
- State and apply Newton's Laws of Motion
- Understand and describe the role friction plays in the interaction of materials
- State and apply the great conservation laws (momentum, energy, charge)
- Describe work, power, energy and efficiency
- Understand how objects behave when their motion is in a circular path
- Describe and model gravitational interactions
- Describe and model waves
- Understand the properties of sound and factors which influence its velocity
- Describe characteristics of light and light interactions (reflection and refraction)
- Understand the concept of electric charges and the flow of electricity

- Understand simple electric circuits and the relationships among voltage, current, resistance and power  
(Coverage of the following optional topics will depend upon the amount of time available.)
- Describe magnetic and electromagnetic interactions, and forces associated with them
- Describe the quantum nature of the atom

## TEXTS & MATERIALS

### Required Text

*Walker, Physics, Pearson, 2014*

### Materials

Notebook

Binder or folder for returned and current paperwork

Scientific calculator and laptop computer

Pencils and black Pens

## QUARTER 1

*Reading assignments will come from the text and selected sources. Your text will normally be left at home, other readings will be provided.*

<b>Text or Article.....</b>	<b>Pages to be Read</b>
<b>Chapter 1 – Introduction to Physics</b>	<b>2-34</b>
<b>Chapter 2 – Introduction to Motion</b>	<b>43-65</b>
<b>Chapter 27 --Relativity</b>	<b>949-961</b>
<b>Chapter 3 -- Acceleration</b>	<b>73-101</b>
<b>Chapter 4 -- Vectors</b>	<b>113-140</b>
<b>Chapter 5 – Newton’s Laws</b>	<b>151-176</b>
<b>Chapter 6 – Work and Energy</b>	<b>198 - 216</b>

## QUARTER 2

<b>Text or article</b>	<b>Pages</b>

<b>Chapter 7 - Linear Momentum &amp; Collisions</b>	<b>229-256</b>
<b>Chapter 8 – Rotation and Equilibrium *</b>	<b>267-296</b>
<b>Chapter 9 – Gravity and Circular Motion</b>	<b>307-332</b>
<b>Chapters 10,11 – Temperature, Heat, Thermodynamics*</b>	<b>343-406</b>

### **QUARTER 3**

<b>Text or Article.....</b>	<b>Pages</b>
<b>Chapter 13 - Oscillations and Waves</b>	<b>453-482</b>
<b>Chapter 14 – Sound</b>	<b>493-518</b>
<b>Chapter 15 – Light</b>	<b>529-553</b>
<b>Chapter 16 - Reflection and Mirrors</b>	<b>565-586</b>
<b>Chapter 17 - Refraction and Lenses</b>	<b>597-627</b>
<b>Chapter 18 - Interference and Diffraction *</b>	<b>637-664</b>

### **QUARTER 4**

<b>Text or Article.....</b>	<b>Pages</b>
<b>Chapter 19 – Electric Charges and Forces</b>	<b>675-694</b>
<b>Chapter 20 – Electric Field and Energy</b>	<b>705-734</b>
<b>Chapter 21 – Electric Current and Circuits</b>	<b>745-770</b>
<b>Chapters 22,23 – Magnetism and EM Induction *</b>	<b>Parts of 783-840</b>
<b>Chapters 24-27 - Quantum Theory, The Atom *</b>	<b>Parts of 851-966</b>

\*Optional topics, will be covered as time permits

### ASSESSMENT

Students at Iona Prep are to be prepared for class each and every day. Formative assessment takes place and may include a quiz, a “Do Now” activity, or the collection and correction of homework. In addition, each marking period includes summative assessment which may include unit tests, projects, presentations, or longer writing projects. During each quarter the following summative assessments are planned:

<b># of</b>	<b>Assessment.....</b>	
2 – 4	<i>Tests, projects, presentations</i>	
	<i>Quizzes, Homework and Labs</i>	

### RUBRIC

Generally, assignments (homework, labs and projects) are graded with three factors: completeness, accuracy, and neatness. An assignment may have a specific, individualized rubric.

	<b>Beginning</b> <b>1</b>	<b>Developing</b> <b>2</b>	<b>Accomplished</b> <b>3</b>	<b>Exemplary</b> <b>4</b>
Completeness	Most tasks were not completed	Less than 50% of lab tasks / write up completed	Most of tasks completed	All tasks completed, no omissions
Accuracy	Presents illogical explanation of findings	Presents an illogical explanation for findings and addresses few questions	Presents a logical explanation for findings and accurately addresses some questions	Presents a logical explanation for findings and accurately addresses most questions

Neatness	Illegible writing, loose items	Legible writing / typed, many typos	Legible writing / typed, few typos, charts and pictures provided	Extreme care taken. All elements correctly placed and well thought out
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**On making up a classroom test:** It is good practice to return and review graded tests as soon as possible after the test has been administered. For that reason, if a student is absent on a day when a test is given, he will normally be expected to take the missed test on the day he returns to school. That way, after all tests have been administered, they may be graded, returned and reviewed.

### **ATTENDANCE AND LATE WORK**

In order to be successful in this class regular attendance is mandatory. Missing class time makes it much more difficult for the student to keep up with the material. It is the responsibility and expectation of the student to check my web page (ionaphysics.org) for assignments and to complete assignments on time. Normally, no credit will be allowed for late assignments. In the case of an absence, work is due the day the student returns to school.

### **CHEATING ON EXAMS AND PLAGIARISM**

Plagiarism is the “use or close imitation of the language and thoughts of another author and the representation of them as one’s own original work.” Don’t do it. Work deemed as plagiarism will receive zero credit. The full policy is located here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/112hksR9xG77x5FSEG0g0gMC7pLTvmynhEnsR1I1aLkg/edit?usp=sharing>

**Distance learning:** If we are in distance learning, please refer to the distance learning policy in the handbook.

Note: Grading is by total points.

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