

## AP Physics 2018-19

### Instructor

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### Course Overview:

This course combines the approaches of Modeling Physics with preparation for the AP Physics exam. In Modeling Physics, you will define questions together, and then design experiments to address those questions. You will then interpret the results, using a variety of representations (or models) to make sense of what you observe. Your contributions to class discussion will drive much of the learning. You will present your thinking, and ask each other questions to develop a clear scientific understanding of the phenomena you are studying. You will work together as scientists do to collect data, interpret result, develop models and question the validity of your solutions. This approach of analyzing every phenomenon for yourselves will train you in the kind of critical thinking and deep conceptual understanding needed to score well on the AP exam.

This course will be college level work. This requires a degree of independence and drive that you should enjoy a great deal, but will also ask a great deal of you. Sixty percent of all students who took the AP Physics 1 exam in 2016 earned a 1 or a 2. I fully expect you to beat those odds by a lot, and it is going to be through your determination to learn how apply physics insight into solving problems.

### Commitment credit

1. Engagement in scientific discussions-We have two people in this class: class discussions will really depend on you.
2. Participation in lab activities-Do you take a high level, professional approach to completing lab investigations thoroughly? Are you thorough in your analysis of lab results outside of class?
3. Preparation for class-Are you going above and beyond on a daily basis? Are you thinking through every problem and giving it your best shot? Do you bring your questions as well as your answers into class every day?

**Textbook:** We will be using the textbook *College Physics*, by Serway. For most of the topics studied the primary source material will be the questions developed in class, the lab results you collect, and the interpretations of those lab results. For these topics, the textbook will be used as a support, with readings assigned later in the unit to summarize the concepts that have been developed in class. Keep your textbook at home so that they will be available to do readings and homework problems when assigned.

**Science and Engineering Notebook:** In addition to your notebook for this class (a three-ring binder or section of a 3-ring binder), you will all be keeping a Science and Engineering Notebook. This notebook will serve as a place to record your lab results, as well as your thinking on labs and the engineering projects we will undertake in this course. For college credit, some schools ask to see your lab notebook from your high school AP science class. This notebook is an important piece of evidence that could determine whether you receive college credit for this class.

**Grading Policy:** The grade each quarter will be determined with the following formula:

Formative 20 % - homework, classwork  
Interim 30 % - quizzes, projects, small lab investigations  
Summative 50 % - tests, formal labs, and large projects

- **Formative/Homework:** Homework will be assigned throughout the week. Homework checks will take place regularly. Each homework assignment will generally be scored out of 5-10 points depending on the assignment. Maximum points will be given for a fully completed homework assignment; partial completion will be given less points and, for no assignment, a zero will be given. There will typically be a one point deduction for handing in homework one day late. Late homework cannot be accepted if the teacher has reviewed the work and answers have been discussed in class.

- **Interim:** Quizzes will be given to determine your progress as we study new material. You will always be given advance notice of a quiz. However, open note pop quizzes *may be given* when note taking is part of a homework assignment. Retakes on quizzes will only be given if there are extraordinary extenuating circumstances. Science and Engineering Lab Notebook evaluations will typically be scored as interim assessments.
- **Summative:** Tests or other summative assessment (i.e., performance tasks, lab reports) will be given at the end of *each* unit. Students will be given at least 4-day notice.
- **Exam:** A final exam is given at the end of the school year.

**Materials:** Students will receive their own Chromebook, and they must treat it well and bring it charged to every class. In addition, students will have a three-ring binder or section, or equivalent, as well as a composition book to use as a Science and Engineering Notebook. Students will bring a scientific calculator to class (not a cell phone) for use on class projects and assessments.

**Absences:** If students are absent it is *their responsibility* to complete the work they have missed. Students may check the website, ask a classmate or see the teacher for any work they miss.

#### **Make-Up Work Due to Excused Absence**

1. The student must schedule make-up work directly with the teacher on the day he/she returns to school. **Students needing to make-up a laboratory investigation, must consult with the teacher for a specific date and time.**
2. Incomplete work after one calendar week will result in a grade of zero unless extended, alternate dates have been assigned by the teacher (e.g., a laboratory experiment).
3. If a long-term project was assigned earlier in the marking period, the project is due on the pre-assigned date or the date the student returns to school. (If a *long term* excused absence occurs prior to the due date of the project, please see item number 5.)
4. In the event of a pre-arranged absence to go on a field trip or college visit, the student must speak with the teacher before the absence; homework is expected on the return day.
5. Students should always consult the teacher's website to see if there is homework they can do while at home and before returning.
6. In the event of a longer excused absence, the student and parent must consult with the guidance counselor who will help to arrange a make-up schedule which must then be followed. The counselor may call for a parent-teacher meeting to help with this process.
7. For the school's policy regarding make-up work for vacation days taken during the school year, please see the *Academic and Grading Policy* folder shared on the Shepaug website under the *Academics* tab. Please note: vacation days are not considered an excused absence.

**Submission of Late Work:** Students must make every effort to submit work on time. Late work impacts the entire class since teachers often cannot discuss answers/ideas until all work is submitted. In addition, students who submit late work have additional time and opportunity that has not been afforded to other students.

As a general rule, late work will be penalized 5% for each day late, up to five school days. The acceptance of late homework is at the teacher's discretion. Since teachers often review the homework answers in class, it is not possible to accept homework after answers are given. Teachers will share their homework policy with each class.

Please note: Late arrival or early dismissal is not an acceptable excuse for late submission of a pre-assigned project/assignment. If a student is in the building on a specific day, he/she has an obligation to submit a pre-assigned project/assignment to the appropriate teacher(s). In addition, if a student reports to the nurse instead of a class, he/she has an obligation to submit any pre-assigned project/assignment to the appropriate teacher. **If a student arrives late to school, leaves early, or reports to the nurse instead of a class, he/she must submit pre-assigned projects/assignments to the appropriate teacher(s) or the late work policy will apply.**

**Extra help:** I will be more than happy to help students with any difficulties they may be having with the material we will be studying. All they need to do is ask! Please make arrangements to see me before or after school.

**Advisory period:** Note that we will be meeting during advisory periods as an additional lab period.

## Course overview

<b>Curricular Requirements</b>	<b>Page(s)</b>
CR1 Students and teachers have access to college-level resources including college-level textbooks and reference materials in print or electronic format.	1
CR2a The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of kinematics in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.	1
CR2b The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of dynamics in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.	1
CR2c The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of circular motion and gravitation in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.	2
CR2d The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of simple harmonic motion in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.	2
CR2e The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of linear momentum in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.	2
CR2f The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principle of energy in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.	2
CR2g The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of rotational motion in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.	3
CR2h The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of electrostatics in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.	3
CR2i The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of electric circuits in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.	3
CR2j The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of mechanical waves in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.	3
CR3 Students have opportunities to apply AP Physics 1 learning objectives connecting across enduring understandings as described in the curriculum framework. These opportunities must occur in addition to those within laboratory investigations.	9
CR4 The course provides students with opportunities to apply their knowledge of physics principles to real world questions or scenarios (including societal issues or technological innovations) to help them become scientifically literate citizens.	9
CR5 Students are provided with the opportunity to spend a minimum of 25 percent of instructional time engaging in hands-on laboratory work with an emphasis on inquiry-based investigations.	4
CR6a The laboratory work used throughout the course includes investigations that support the foundational AP Physics 1 principles.	4, 5, 6, 7, 8
CR6b The laboratory work used throughout the course includes guided-inquiry laboratory investigations allowing students to apply all seven science practices.	4, 5, 6, 7, 8
CR7 The course provides opportunities for students to develop their communication skills by recording evidence of their research of literature or scientific investigations through verbal, written, and graphic presentations.	4
CR8 The course provides opportunities for students to develop written and oral scientific argumentation skills.	10

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## RESOURCES

### TEXTBOOK

Etkina, Eugenia, Michael Gentile, and Alan Van Heuvelen. *College Physics*. San Francisco, CA: Pearson, 2014. [CR1]

### TEACHING RESOURCES

Christian, Wolfgang, and Mario Belloni. *Physlet® Physics: Interactive Illustrations, Explorations and Problems for Introductory Physics*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2004.

Hieggelke, Curtis, David Maloney, and Stephen Kanim. *Newtonian Tasks Inspired by Physics Education Research: nTIPERs*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson, 2012.

Hieggelke, Curtis, David Maloney, Tomas O’Kuma, and Stephen Kanim. *E&M TIPERs: Electricity & Magnetism Tasks*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson, 2006.

Knight, Randall D., Brian Jones, and Stuart Field. *College Physics: A Strategic Approach*. 2nd ed., AP® ed. Boston: Pearson, 2013.

CR1— Students and teachers have access to college-level resources including college-level textbooks and reference materials in print or electronic format.

## INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

The AP Physics 1 course is conducted using inquiry-based instructional strategies that focus on experimentation to develop students’ conceptual understanding of physics principles. The students begin studying a topic by making observations and discovering patterns of natural phenomena. The next steps involve developing, testing, and applying models. Throughout the course, the students construct and use multiple representations of physical processes, solve multi-step problems, design investigations, and reflect on knowledge construction through self-assessment rubrics.

In most labs, the students use probeware technology in data acquisition. In the classroom, they use graphing calculators and digital devices for interactive simulations, Physlet-based exercises, collaborative activities, and formative assessments.

CR2a— The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of kinematics in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### UNIT 1. KINEMATICS [CR2a]

- Kinematics in one-dimension: constant velocity and uniform accelerated motion
- Vectors: vector components and resultant
- Kinematics in two-dimensions: projectile motion

#### Big Ideas 3, 4

**Learning Objectives:** 3.A.1.1, 3.A.1.2, 3.A.1.3, 4.A.1.1, 4.A.2.1

### UNIT 2. DYNAMICS [CR2b]

- Forces, types, and representation (FBD)
- Newton’s First Law

CR2b— The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of dynamics in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.

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- Newton's Third Law
- Newton's Second Law
- Applications of Newton's Second Law
- Friction
- Interacting objects: ropes and pulleys

**Big Ideas 1, 2, 3, 4**

**Learning Objectives:** 1.C.1.1, 1.C.1.3, 2.B.1.1, 3.A.2.1, 3.A.3.1, 3.A.3.2, 3.A.3.3, 3.A.4.1, 3.A.4.2, 3.A.4.3, 3.B.1.1, 3.B.1.2, 3.B.1.3, 3.B.2.1, 3.C.4.1, 3.C.4.2, 4.A.1.1, 4.A.2.1, 4.A.2.2, 4.A.2.3, 4.A.3.1, 4.A.3.2

**UNIT 3. CIRCULAR MOTION AND GRAVITATION [CR2c]**

- Uniform circular motion
- Dynamics of uniform circular motion
- Universal Law of Gravitation

**Big Ideas 1, 2, 3, 4**

**Learning Objectives:** 1.C.3.1, 2.B.1.1, 2.B.2.1, 2.B.2.2, 3.A.3.1, 3.A.3.3, 3.B.1.2, 3.B.1.3, 3.B.2.1, 3.C.1.1, 3.C.1.2, 3.C.2.1, 3.C.2.2, 3.G.1.1, 4.A.2.2

**UNIT 4. ENERGY [CR2f]**

- Work
- Power
- Kinetic energy
- Potential energy: gravitational and elastic
- Conservation of energy

**Big Ideas 3, 4, 5**

**Learning Objectives:** 3.E.1.1, 3.E.1.2, 3.E.1.3, 3.E.1.4, 4.C.1.1, 4.C.1.2, 4.C.2.1, 4.C.2.2, 5.A.2.1, 5.B.1.1, 5.B.1.2, 5.B.2.1, 5.B.3.1, 5.B.3.2, 5.B.3.3, 5.B.4.1, 5.B.4.2, 5.B.5.1, 5.B.5.2, 5.B.5.3, 5.B.5.4, 5.B.5.5, 5.D.1.1, 5.D.1.2, 5.D.1.3, 5.D.1.4, 5.D.1.5, 5.D.2.1, 5.D.2.3

**UNIT 5. MOMENTUM [CR2e]**

- Impulse
- Momentum
- Conservation of momentum
- Elastic and inelastic collisions

**Big Ideas 3, 4, 5**

**Learning Objectives:** 3.D.1.1, 3.D.2.1, 3.D.2.2, 3.D.2.3, 3.D.2.4, 4.B.1.1, 4.B.1.2, 4.B.2.1, 4.B.2.2, 5.A.2.1, 5.D.1.1, 5.D.1.2, 5.D.1.3, 5.D.1.4, 5.D.1.5, 5.D.2.1, 5.D.2.2, 5.D.2.3, 5.D.2.4, 5.D.2.5, 5.D.3.1

**UNIT 6. SIMPLE HARMONIC MOTION [CR2d]**

- Linear restoring forces and simple harmonic motion
- Simple harmonic motion graphs
- Simple pendulum
- Mass-spring systems

**Big Ideas 3, 5**

CR2c— The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of circular motion and gravitation in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.

CR2f— The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principle of energy in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.

CR2e— The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of linear momentum in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.

CR2d— The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of simple harmonic motion in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.

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**Learning Objectives:** 3.B.3.1, 3.B.3.2, 3.B.3.3, 3.B.3.4, 5.B.2.1, 5.B.3.1, 5.B.3.2, 5.B.3.3, 5.B.4.1, 5.B.4.2

### UNIT 7. ROTATIONAL MOTION [CR2g]

- Torque
- Center of mass
- Rotational kinematics
- Rotational dynamics and rotational inertia
- Rotational energy
- Angular momentum
- Conservation of angular momentum

#### Big Ideas 3, 4, 5

**Learning Objectives:** 3.F.1.1, 3.F.1.2, 3.F.1.3, 3.F.1.4, 3.F.1.5, 3.F.2.1, 3.F.2.2, 3.F.3.1, 3.F.3.2, 3.F.3.3, 4.A.1.1, 4.D.1.1, 4.D.1.2, 4.D.2.1, 4.D.2.2, 4.D.3.1, 4.D.3.2, 5.E.1.1, 5.E.1.2, 5.E.2.1

### UNIT 8. MECHANICAL WAVES [CR2j]

- Traveling waves
- Wave characteristics
- Sound
- Superposition
- Standing waves on a string
- Standing sound waves

#### Big Idea 6

**Learning Objectives:** 6.A.1.1, 6.A.1.2, 6.A.1.3, 6.A.2.1, 6.A.3.1, 6.A.4.1, 6.B.1.1, 6.B.2.1, 6.B.4.1, 6.B.5.1, 6.D.1.1, 6.D.1.2, 6.D.1.3, 6.D.2.1, 6.D.3.1, 6.D.3.2, 6.D.3.3, 6.D.3.4, 6.D.4.1, 6.D.4.2, 6.D.5.1

### UNIT 9. ELECTROSTATICS [CR2h]

- Electric charge and conservation of charge
- Electric force: Coulomb's Law

#### Big Ideas 1, 3, 5

**Learning Objectives:** 1.B.1.1, 1.B.1.2, 1.B.2.1, 1.B.3.1, 3.C.2.1, 3.C.2.2, 5.A.2.1

### UNIT 10. DC CIRCUITS [CR2i]

- Electric resistance
- Ohm's Law
- DC circuits
- Series and parallel connections
- Kirchhoff's Laws

#### Big Ideas 1, 5

**Learning Objectives:** 1.B.1.1, 1.B.1.2, 1.E.2.1, 5.B.9.1, 5.B.9.2, 5.B.9.3, 5.C.3.1, 5.C.3.2, 5.C.3.3

CR2g— The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of rotational motion in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.

CR2j— The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of mechanical waves in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.

CR2h— The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of electrostatics in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.

CR2i— The course design provides opportunities for students to develop understanding of the foundational principles of electric circuits in the context of the big ideas that organize the curriculum framework.

## LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS AND THE SCIENCE PRACTICES

The AP Physics 1 course devotes over **25% of the time** to hands-on laboratory investigations. **[CR5]** The laboratory component of the course allows the students to demonstrate the seven **science practices** through a variety of investigations in all of the foundational principles.

The students use **guided-inquiry (GI)** or **open-inquiry (OI)** in the design of their laboratory investigations. Some labs focus on investigating a physical phenomenon without having expectations of its outcomes. In other experiments, the student has an expectation of its outcome based on concepts constructed from prior experiences. In application experiments, the students use acquired physics principles to address practical problems. Students also investigate topic-related questions that are formulated through student designed/selected procedures.

All investigations are reported in a **laboratory journal**. Students are expected to record their observations, data, and data analyses. Data analyses include identification of the sources and effects of experimental uncertainty, calculations, results and conclusions, and suggestions for further refinement of the experiment as appropriate. **[CR7]**

CR5— Students are provided with the opportunity to spend a minimum of 25 percent of instructional time engaging in hands-on laboratory work with an emphasis on inquiry-based investigations.

CR7— The course provides opportunities for students to develop their communication skills by recording evidence of their research of literature or scientific investigations through verbal, written, and graphic presentations.

UNIT	LAB INVESTIGATION OBJECTIVE(S) (Investigation identifier: Guided-Inquiry: <b>GI</b> Open-Inquiry: <b>OI</b> )
<b>UNIT 1. KINEMATICS [CR6a]</b>	<b>1. Meeting Point</b> To predict where two battery-powered cars will collide if they are released from opposite ends of the lab table at different times. Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 7.2
	<b>2. Match the Graph (GI) [CR6b]</b> To determine the proper placement of an air track, a glider, and a motion detector to produce a motion that matches a set of given graphs: position, velocity, and acceleration versus time. Science Practices 1.2, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2
	<b>3. Free-Fall Investigation</b> To determine and compare the acceleration of two objects dropped simultaneously. Science Practices 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2
	<b>4. Vector Addition (GI) [CR6b]</b> To determine the value of a resultant of several vectors, and then compare that value to the values obtained through graphical and analytical methods. Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2

CR6a— The laboratory work used throughout the course includes investigations that support the foundational AP Physics 1 principles.

CR6b— The laboratory work used throughout the course includes guided-inquiry laboratory investigations allowing students to apply all seven science practices.

	<p><b>5. Shoot the Target (GI) [CR6b]</b>            To determine the initial velocity of a projectile, the angle at which the maximum range can be attained, and predict where the projectile will land.            Science Practices 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2</p>
	<p><b>1. Chase Scenario (GI) [CR6b]</b>  <i>Lab Practicum:</i> Students use a battery cart and a fan cart to recreate a chase scenario (police-thief) to predict the position where the 'thief' will be caught and the final speeds of both cars.            Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 7.2</p>

CR6b— The laboratory work used throughout the course includes guided-inquiry laboratory investigations allowing students to apply all seven science practices.

<p><b>UNIT 2. DYNAMICS [CR6a]</b></p>	<p><b>2. Inertial and Gravitational Mass (GI) [CR6b]</b>            To determine the difference (if any) between inertial mass and gravitational mass.            Science Practices 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2</p>
	<p><b>3. Forces Inventory (GI) [CR6b]</b>            Qualitative and quantitative investigation on a variety of interactions between objects.            Science Practices 1.1, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 7.2</p>
	<p><b>4. Static Equilibrium Challenge</b>            To determine the mass of a hanging object in a setup with three strings at various angles.            Science Practices 1.1, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2</p>
	<p><b>1. Newton's Second Law (OI) [CR6b]</b>            To determine the variation of the acceleration of a dynamics cart in two scenarios: (1) the total mass of the system is kept constant while the net force varies, and (2) the net force is kept constant while the total mass of the system varies.            Science Practices 1.1, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 7.2</p>
	<p><b>1. Coefficient of Friction (GI) [CR6b]</b>            To determine the maximum coefficient of static friction between a shoe and a wooden plank.            Science Practices 1.1, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2</p>
	<p><b>2. Atwood's Machine (GI) [CR6b]</b>            To determine the acceleration of a hanging mass and the tension in the string.            Science Practices 1.1, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2</p>

CR6a— The laboratory work used throughout the course includes investigations that support the foundational AP Physics 1 principles.



**UNIT 3.  
CIRCULAR MOTION  
AND GRAVITATION  
[CR6a]**

**13. Flying Toy (GI) [CR6b]**  
To determine the tension in the string and the centripetal acceleration of the flying toy.  
Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2

CR6a— The laboratory work used throughout the course includes investigations that support the foundational AP Physics 1 principles.

**UNIT 4.  
ENERGY  
[CR6a]**

**14. Roller Coaster Investigation (GI) [CR6b]**  
To design a simple roller coaster using provided materials to test whether the total energy of the system is conserved if there are no external forces exerted on it by other objects.  
Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 7.2

CR6b— The laboratory work used throughout the course includes guided-inquiry laboratory investigations allowing students to apply all seven science practices.

**15. Work Done in Stretching a Spring (GI) [CR6b]**  
To determine the work done on the spring from force-versus-distance graph of the collected data.  
Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2

**16. Energy and Non-Conservative Forces (GI) [CR6b]**  
To determine the energy dissipated by friction of a system consisting of a modified Atwood's machine.  
Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 6.5, 7.2

**UNIT 5.  
MOMENTUM  
[CR6a]**

**17. Bumper Design (GI) [CR6b]**  
To design a paper bumper that will soften the impact of the collision between a cart and a fixed block of wood. Their designs are evaluated by the shape of an acceleration-versus-time graph of the collision.  
Science Practices 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 7.2

**3. Impulse and Change in Momentum (GI) [CR6b]**  
To measure the change in momentum of a dynamics cart and compare it to the impulse received.  
Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2

**4. Elastic and Inelastic Collisions (OI) [CR6b]**  
To investigate conservation of momentum and conservation of energy using a ballistic pendulum to determine the type of collision. Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 7.2

**5. Forensic Investigation (OI) [CR6b]**  
*Lab Practicum:* Apply principles of conservation of energy, conservation of momentum, the work-energy theorem, and a linear model of friction to find the coefficient of kinetic friction.  
Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 7.2

<b>UNIT 6. SIMPLE HARMONIC MOTION</b> [CR6a]	<b>21. Finding the Spring Constant (GI) [CR6b]</b> To design two independent experiments to determine the spring constants of various springs of equal length. Science Practices 1.1, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2
	<b>6. Graphs of an Oscillating System (GI) [CR6b]</b> To analyze graphs of position, velocity, and acceleration versus time for an oscillating system to determine how velocity and acceleration vary at the equilibrium position and at the endpoints. Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2
	<b>1. Simple Pendulum Investigation (GI) [CR6b]</b> To investigate the factors that affect the period of a simple pendulum and test whether the period is proportional to the pendulum’s length, the square of its length, or the square root of its length. Science Practices 1.2, 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2
<b>UNIT 7. ROTATIONAL MOTION</b> [CR6a]	<b>24. Torque and the Human Arm (OI) [CR6b]</b> To design and build an apparatus that replicates the forearm and biceps muscle system to determine the biceps tension when holding an object in a lifted position. Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 7.1, 7.2
	<b>7. Rotational Inertia (GI) [CR6b]</b> To determine the rotational inertia of a cylinder from the slope of a graph of an applied torque versus angular acceleration. Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2
	<b>8. Conservation of Angular Momentum (GI) [CR6b]</b> To investigate how the angular momentum of a rotating system responds to changes in the rotational inertia. Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2
<b>UNIT 8. MECHANICAL WAVES</b> [CR6a]	<b>27. Mechanical Waves (GI) [CR6b]</b> To model the two types of mechanical waves with a spring toy to test whether or not these characteristics affect the speed of a pulse: frequency, wavelength, and amplitude. Science Practices 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.4, 7.2
	<b>2. Speed of Sound (GI) [CR6b]</b> Design two different procedures to determine the speed of sound in air. Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2

CR6a— The laboratory work used throughout the course includes investigations that support the foundational AP Physics 1 principles.

CR6b— The laboratory work used throughout the course includes guided-inquiry laboratory investigations allowing students to apply all seven science practices.

	<p><b>29. Wave Boundary Behavior (GI) [CR6b]</b> To compare what happens to the phase of a transverse wave on a spring toy when a pulse is reflected from a boundary and when it is reflected and transmitted from various boundaries (spring to string). Science Practices 1.4, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2</p> <p><b>3. Standing Waves (GI) [CR6b]</b> Given a specified tension, students predict the length of the string necessary to generate the first two harmonics of a standing wave on the string. Then they perform the experiment and compare the outcome with their prediction. Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2</p>
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CR6b— The laboratory work used throughout the course includes guided-inquiry laboratory investigations allowing students to apply all seven science practices.

CR6a— The laboratory work used throughout the course includes investigations that support the foundational AP Physics 1 principles.

<p><b>UNIT 9. ELECTROSTATICS [CR6a]</b></p>	<p><b>31. Static Electricity Interactions (GI) [CR6b]</b> Students use sticky tape and a variety of objects to make qualitative observations of the interactions when objects are charged, discharged, and recharged. Science Practices 1.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 5.1, 6.2, 7.2</p> <p><b>9. Coulomb’s Law (GI) [CR6b]</b> To estimate the charge on two identical, equally charged spherical pith balls of known mass. Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2</p>
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<p><b>UNIT 10. DC CIRCUITS [CR6a]</b></p>	<p><b>10. Brightness Investigation (GI) [CR6b]</b> To make predictions about the brightness of light bulbs in a variety of series and parallel circuits when some of the bulbs are removed. Science Practices 1.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2</p> <p><b>11. Voltage and Current (GI) [CR6b]</b> To determine the relationship between the current through a resistor and the voltage across the resistor. Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2</p> <p><b>12. Resistance and Resistivity (GI) [CR6b]</b> To investigate the effects of cross-sectional area and length on the flow of current through a roll of Play-Doh™. Science Practices 1.4, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2</p> <p><b>13. Series and Parallel Circuits (GI) [CR6b]</b> To investigate the behavior of resistors in series, parallel, and series-parallel circuits. The lab should include measurements of voltage and current. Science Practices 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.1, 6.4, 7.2</p>
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## INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Throughout the course, the students engage in a variety of activities designed to build the students' reasoning skills and deepen their conceptual understanding of physics principles. Students conduct activities and projects that enable them to connect the concepts learned in class to real world applications. Examples of activities are described below.

### 4. PROJECT DESIGN [CR3]

Students engage in hands-on activities outside of the laboratory experience that support the connection to more than one Learning Objective.

#### ACTIVITY: Roller Coaster Investigation

##### DESCRIPTION:

Working in groups of three, students design a simple roller coaster using provided materials (a track with a vertical loop and toy cars) to test whether the total energy of a car-Earth system is conserved if there are no external forces exerted on it by other objects. Students include multiple representations of energy to provide evidence for their claims. Students use a bar chart, the mathematical expression of conservation of energy represented by the graph, and the corresponding calculations to evaluate whether the outcome of the experiment supports the idea of energy conservation. This activity is designed to allow students to apply the following Learning Objectives:

##### Learning Objective 5.B.3.1

*The student is able to describe and make qualitative and/or quantitative predictions about everyday examples of systems with internal potential energy.*

##### Learning Objective 5.B.3.2

*The student is able to make quantitative calculations of the internal potential energy of a system from a description or diagram of that system.*

##### Learning Objective 5.B.3.3

*The student is able to apply mathematical reasoning to create a description of the internal potential energy of a system from a description or diagram of the objects and interactions in that system.*

##### Learning Objective 5.B.4.2

*The student is able to calculate changes in kinetic energy and potential energy of a system, using information from representations of that system.*

##### Learning Objective 4.C.1.1

*The student is able to calculate the total energy of a system and justify the mathematical routines used in the calculation of component types of energy within the system whose sum is the total energy.*

##### Learning Objective 4.C.1.2

*The student is able to predict changes in the total energy of a system due to changes in position and speed of objects or frictional interactions within the system.*

### 5. REAL-WORLD APPLICATION

#### ACTIVITY: Torque and the Human Arm [CR4]

CR3— Students have opportunities to apply AP Physics 1 learning objectives connecting across enduring understandings as described in the curriculum framework. These opportunities must occur in addition to those within laboratory investigations.

CR1— The course provides students with opportunities to apply their knowledge of physics principles to real world questions or scenarios (including societal issues or technological innovations) to help them become scientifically literate citizens.

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**DESCRIPTION:**

This activity provides an opportunity for students to make an interdisciplinary connection to biological systems by investigating the structure and function of a major muscle (biceps) in the human body.

Students design and build an apparatus that replicates the forearm and biceps muscle system. The objective is to determine the biceps tension when holding an object in a lifted position. Students may use the Internet to research the structure of the biceps muscle. They can use readily available materials in the classroom, such as a meter stick, a ring stand, weight hangers, an assortment of blocks, and a spring scale. In their lab journal, students are required to document the different stages of their design. Required elements include design sketches, force diagrams, mathematical representations of translational and rotational equilibrium, and numerical calculations.

**Learning Objective 3.F.1.1**

*The student is able to use representations of the relationship between force and torque.*

**Learning Objective 3.F.1.2**

*The student is able to compare the torques on an object caused by various forces.*

**Learning Objective 3.F.1.3**

*The student is able to estimate the torque on an object caused by various forces in comparison to other situations.*

**Learning Objective 3.F.1.4**

*The student is able to design an experiment and analyze data testing a question about torques in a balanced rigid system.*

**Learning Objective 3.F.1.5**

*The student is able to calculate torques on a two-dimensional system in static equilibrium, by examining a representation or model (such as a diagram or physical construction).*

**3.SCIENTIFIC ARGUMENTATION**

In the course, students become familiar with the three components of scientific argumentation. The first element is the claim, which is the response to a prediction. A claim provides an explanation for why or how something happens in a laboratory investigation. The second component is the evidence, which supports the claim and consists of the analysis of the data collected during the investigation. The third component consists of questioning, in which students examine and defend one another's claims. Students receive explicit instruction in posing meaningful questions that include questions of clarification, questions that probe assumptions, and questions that probe implications and consequences. As a result of the scientific argumentation process, students are able to revise their claims and make revisions as appropriate [CR8].

CR8— The course provides opportunities for students to develop written and oral scientific argumentation skills.
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**ACTIVITY 1: Formative Assessment: Changing Representations in Energy****DESCRIPTION:**

Students work in pairs to create exercises that involve translation from one representation to another. Some possible translations are:

- from a bar chart to a mathematical representation
- from a physical situation diagram to a bar chart
- from a given equation to a bar chart

Each pair of students exchanges their exercises with another pair. After the students work

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through the exercises they received, the pairs meet and offer constructive criticism (peer critique) on each other's solutions.

**Learning Objective 5.B.4.1**

*The student is able to describe and make predictions about the internal energy of everyday systems.*

**Learning Objective 5.B.4.2**

*The student is able to calculate changes in kinetic energy and potential energy of a system, using information from representations of that system.*

**ACTIVITY 2. Laboratory Investigation: Speed of Sound**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Working in small groups, students design two different procedures to determine the speed of sound in air. They brainstorm their approaches and write them on the whiteboard. Each of the teams presents their ideas to the class. They receive feedback from their peers and then conduct their experiments. They record the revised procedures in their lab journals. During the post-lab discussion, the students discuss their results (evidence) by examining and defending one another's claims. Then, as a class, we reach consensus about the estimated value for the speed of sound.

**Learning Objective 6.A.2.1**

*The student is able to describe sound in terms of transfer of energy and momentum in a medium and relate the concepts to everyday examples.*

**Learning Objective 6.A.4.1**

*The student is able to explain and/or predict qualitatively how the energy carried by a sound wave relates to the amplitude of the wave, and/or apply this concept to a real-world example.*

**Learning Objective 6.B.4.1**

*The student is able to design an experiment to determine the relationship between periodic wave speed, wavelength, and frequency and relate these concepts to everyday examples.*

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