

# Physics

## Classroom Expectations 2022-2023

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**Room:** Science 123

**Textbook:** Inspire Physics (2020) by Paul W. Zitzewitz, David G. Haase, & Kathleen A. Harper

**Materials:** Students will bring a pen/pencil, notebook, their laptop and a calculator to class each day.

**Student Expectations:** Students are expected to:

1. **Participate:** The best way to learn is from each other. I encourage discussion, debate, and questioning from all of you.
2. **Be respectful:** In order to create a positive and safe learning environment, all of us must feel that our ideas and thoughts are respected. Additionally, you are to demonstrate self-respect by adhering to FWCD's policies.
3. **Set an example:** As part of the Upper School, you are leaders at FWCD. You are expected to act appropriately in all classes, toward your peers, and when they encounter administration or any other member of our community or visitors. Violations will not be tolerated.
4. **Be conflict-resolvers & communicators:** If you have a question about a grade, or are confused about a project, please see me or send me an e-mail. Please take responsibility for your own education.
5. **Complete & learn from assignments:** You are very busy as it is, so when given an assignment, you can be certain that it is pertinent and valuable to your overall learning experience. Please complete the assignment and give as much as you can.
6. **Read, write, and calculate:** Though many high school students aren't terribly fond of these words, they are the basis for knowledge, will set you up to be successful in your academic futures, and will distinguish you from others your age by showcasing your analytical and creative abilities.

**Grading:** The grading policy is designed to ensure student success while relying on your accountability and responsibility. The grading breakdown is as follows:

- 40% - exams (typically two tests per quarter)
- 35% - labs (generally 3-5 labs per quarter)
- 5% - notebook (checks occur regularly)
- 10% - quizzes (several per quarter)
- 10% - graded homework assignments (several per quarter)

**Make-up/Late Work Policy:** You are asked to e-mail or notify me in person of future absences you are aware of, so makeup work arrangements can be made. You are encouraged to stay current with your assignments; however, should the case arise that you miss a due date, the work will be accepted for a maximum of 80% the following school day, and a maximum of 60%

the third school day and so forth. Late work will not be accepted after four school days (not class days). All assignments, unless otherwise specified online, are due at the start of class.

Please note: if we are remote, I will include online submission instructions on the assignment posting on MyFWCD.

Failing to submit when it is called for means it is late. All late work must be submitted by 3:30 PM to me.

Students who miss class lectures should ask a friend for the notes and then see me to review the content and/or ask any questions.

If you miss an exam, you are expected to take it the day you return to our class time or at a pre-approved time beforehand. An extension for a test makeup will not be necessary except in extreme cases where the absence has been long-term. You are highly encouraged to plan ahead so that you can be present when an exam is given. Makeup exams will cover the same content as the original, but may be in a different format. Barring significant absences and extenuating circumstances, if a student does not make up the assessment the day they return, it will be subject to the same downgrade of 20% per day as late assignments. A student who has not made up the assessment within five days of returning to school will receive a zero.

If you have a planned absence, such as an athletic competition or doctor's appointment, you need to schedule a time to take the exam in advance.

Please note: It is your responsibility to make arrangements to make up assessments with me. My policy: email me. Let me know you are going to be gone and set up the make-up exam right then.

**Communication:** All needed classroom information will be on the MyFWCD portal. Use the announcement page to locate general information. Use the topics tab to locate unit information such as lecture notes links, lab handouts, and reading assignments. Homework will be posted on MyFWCD under assignments by 5:00 pm each day. I also use group emails to notify you of changes in class or give you reminders. Please check your fwcd.com email at the end of the day on a daily basis. If you have any questions please email me. Emails will be answered within 24 hours. Emails will not be answered after 9:00 PM or before 7:00 AM.

**Work Integrity:** Cheating is absolutely not permitted. Cheating includes copying another student's homework, permitting another student to complete your assignment, using resources that are prohibited during an assessment or assignment, sharing test questions with students in other courses who have yet to take an assessment, and any plagiarism. Be particularly careful of copying from the internet or the text, and you may not use words of a tutor, parent/guardian, friend, etc. The use of other's words is plagiarism and will be dealt with as such. Any form of plagiarism or cheating results in an immediate referral to the Honor Council.

Please note: Don't cheat. You are here to learn, to take risks, to improve upon your skills, and mistakes happen. Academic dishonesty is a choice and it is never the right nor responsible one. We will adhere to all relevant School rules found in the FWCD Handbook.

**Extra Help/Extra Time:** If you require extra help, please schedule a time with me via email. I am typically available before school starting at 8:00 AM and after school until 5:00 PM, and free periods B and F. If you have an extra time accommodation for exams, please email a request at least two days prior to the exam requesting to use your extra time. I will reply with a suitable time to accommodate your request.

**Food/Drinks:** Eating food or candy and drinking soft drinks, coffee, tea, etc..., is prohibited in the classroom at all times. Drinking water is allowed in the carpeted section of the classroom (non-lab area), but not in the tiled lab area.

**Electronic Use Policy:** You are asked to take notes by hand and computers are not allowed for note-taking in our class. Significant research speaks to the benefits of scribing notes by hand, and we will continue to develop this valuable skill in class. You need to bring your laptops to class, but you may not use them without my permission. The use of cell phones is prohibited in the classroom unless you have been given specific permission by the instructor. Before class begins, phones must be powered off and placed in the rack. Our classroom is a small community in which we are going to learn together and from each other. We are not going to be distracted by our screens.