

Mr. Hovde Blended Physics A215

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This is a blended physics class. Monday, Wednesday and Friday you have the option to work from home. Tuesdays and Thursdays you will meet in the classroom. It is important that you do all the work and attend all the classes. You will be getting another sheet with information on absences and assignments.

1. **No Late Work Will Be Accepted, Except For An Excused Absence.** Homework is **always** due the following day unless announced differently. Therefore, if it has not been announced when the assignment is due, assume it is the next school day. It is the student's responsibility to get the assignments that he or she missed, not the teachers.
2. **Tutorials.** I will be able to help you before school from 7:45 to 8:10 every morning that does not conflict with a duty time or a meeting. Tutoring will be in my room A215 or a note will be on the door. Also you can always come to my room during class time on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I am your teacher and I can always help during class time.
This class will be very intense and falling behind is not wise. Do Not Procrastinate! Don't expect to learn all the things you did not understand on the day of the test. I do not mind helping you, however, the room will be occupied by others that need help and I cannot dedicate all of my time to one student.
3. **Tests.** Major tests will be announced at least 2 days in advance. Mark your calendars!! If you are present any day before the test when the test dates are announced, you **will** be expected to take the test with the rest of the class (i.e., absent 1 day before the test, but present on the day of the test, you still have to take the test).
4. **Make-Up Tests.** You **MUST** take the test within one week of the time you return to school after an absence. Get with me and we will set up a time to take the test either before or after school. You may only take the test in one setting. . .so be conscious of time. **YOU** must keep up and make the effort to make up a test. Remember that it is your responsibility to keep up with the class. **If there are any changes, they will be announced. Make sure to write down modifications.**
5. **Make-Up Work.** Make up work like quizzes and labs are done before or after school only. I do not let students use class time to do make-up work.
6. **Re-Test.** Each grading period (9 weeks), you will be able to retest any test that is below a 70.. The highest grade possible on a re-test is a **70**. This does not include major projects that were assigned. You will have one week to retest the failing test..
7. **Supplies** needed for class:
 - **Scientific Calculator.** Calculators make physics easier, quicker, less stressful and even fun for some of us. Your calculator should handle exponents and logs. Example calculators are the TI-82 and TI-83. Some math classes require scientific calculators. This class does not require a graphing calculator. A calculator is a rather expensive purchase, so label it, keep up with it, and do not lend it out. **YOU HAVE TO HAVE A CALCULATOR!** I do not provide calculators.

- **Notebook.** You are going to put **everything** in this notebook.
- **Graph Paper.** The graph paper is placed in the folder so it is accessible. A small packet is all that is required.
- **Pencils.** We need to be prepared for class notes, projects, lab-formal and informal, and class assignments. Write in pencil only.....let me repeat, write in pencil only, failure to do so will be 10 points off the assignment! It would probably be a good idea to get a bag to put these in so they do not get lost.

8. **Optional:** If it is possible I would like for you to bring me a box of tissues **or** a whiteboard marker. These are not mandatory but appreciated.

9. **Grading Procedure.**

Major Grades.....60%

Daily Grades.....40%

Daily work: Homework, lab write-ups, in-class work, lab participation and quizzes.

Major work: All tests, special projects, lab test, and research project.

Show your work!!!! If you do not show your work then you do not get credit.

Also, circle your answers. If I can not tell which answer on the page is the one you mean then the problem is wrong!

Active participation is a requirement in this class and every student is expected to answer questions and initiate discussion.

I will not tolerate **cheating, destroying property, habitual absence and/or tardies, rude behavior, or profanity.**

You will need to sign up for my Schoolweb class it is not in the normal Schoolweb section. Start at <http://vla2.lisd.net/>. On the right hand side click the link VLA Student Courses. 2nd from the top click: Hovde, Adam - Blended Physics. Login using your normal LISD login. Register for the class on the Homepage. I am going to be putting a lot of info out there that you are going to need.

Also I have a Twitter for the class @Blended_Physics. I will Tweet when often information you will need. It is a good reminder for those of you that are forgetful.

Technology is a good thing if used correctly. If you have your phones or tablets out and doing noneducational “things” with them I will write you up. Technology will only be used for educational activities in class.

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I have read the following pages on procedures, requirements and grading in this class.

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 Parent/guardian (print)

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