

Course Outline

Physics

| Physics Scope and Sequence | | | | |
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| Module/Topic | Name | Number | 2003 Standards of Learning | 2010 Standards of Learning |
| Developmental Module | | | | |
| Module 1 | | | | |
| Describing Motion | | | | |
| Topic 1 | Position, Distance, and Displacement | 1.1 | PH.5 TSW investigate and understand the interrelationships between distance and time through mathematical and experimental processes. Key concepts include: a) Linear Motion | PH.5 |
| Topic 2 | Speed and Velocity | 1.2 | PH.5 a) | PH.5 a. |
| Topic 3 | Acceleration | 1.3 | PH.5 a) | PH.5 a. |
| Topic 4 | Modeling Linear Motion with Equations | 1.4 | PH.5 a) | PH. 5 a. |
| Topic 5 | Freefall | 1.5 | PH.5 a) | PH 5 a. |
| Module 1 Evaluation | | ME1 | | |
| Module 2 | | | | |
| Forces and Newton's Laws | | | | |
| Topic 1 | Forces and Their Representation | 2.1 | PH.5 TSW investigate and understand the interrelationships between mass, distance, force and time through mathematical and experimental processes. Key concepts include: d) Newton's Laws of Motion | PH.5 |
| Topic 2 | Newton's First Law and Balanced Forces | 2.2 | PH. 5 d) | PH.5 d. |
| Topic 3 | Newton's Second Law and Unbalanced Forces | 2.3 | PH.5 d) | PH. 5 d. |
| Topic 4 | Forces at an Angle and Vectors | 2.4 | PH.5 d) PH.2 e) | PH.5 d. PH.2 e. |
| Topic 5 | Applications of Two Dimensional Forces | 2.5 | PH.5 d) PH.2 e) | PH.5 d. PH.2 e. |
| Module 2 Evaluation | | ME2 | | |
| Module 3 | | | | |
| Motion in Two Dimensions | | | | |
| Topic 1 | Principles of Projectile Motion | 3.1 | PH.5 c) | PH.5c |
| Topic 2 | Horizontal Projectiles | 3.2 | PH.5 c) | PH. 5 c. |
| Topic 3 | Projectiles Launched at an Angle | 3.3 | PH.5 c) | PH. 5 c. |
| Topic 4 | Uniform Circular Motion | 3.4 | PH.5 b) uniform circular motion; | PH. 5 b. |
| Topic 5 | Universal Gravitation | 3.5 | PH.5 e) Gravitation PH.12 a) Gravitation and Coulomb's Law PH.5 f) Planetary Motion | PH. 5 e. PH. 5 f. |
| Module 3 Evaluation | | ME3 | | |
| Module 4 | | | | |
| Energy | | | | |
| Topic 1 | Work and Power | 4.1 | PH.6 a) PH.8 a) and b) PH.5 g) | PH. 5 g. |
| Topic 2 | Energy | 4.2 | PH.6 a) Kinetic & Potential Energy PH.5 g) | PH.5 g. PH.12 c |
| Topic 3 | Work-Kinetic Energy Theorem | 4.3 | PH.8 TSW investigate and understand that energy can be | PH.7 |

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| | | | transferred and transformed to provide usable work. Key concepts include: a) Transfer & storage of energy among systems including mechanical, thermal, gravitational, electromagnetic, chemical and nuclear systems. | |
| Topic 4 | Conservation of Mechanical Energy | 4.4 | PH.6 TSW investigate and understand that energy is conserved. PH.8 b) Efficiency of systems | PH.6 PH.7 b. |
| Module 4 Evaluation | | ME4 | | |
| Module 5 | Impulse and Momentum | | PH.6 TSW investigate and understand that momentum is conserved. | PH.6 |
| Topic 1 | Impulse and Momentum | 5.1 | PH.6 | PH.6 |
| Topic 2 | Newton's Third Law | 5.2 | PH.6 PH.5 d) | PH.5 d. PH.6 |
| Topic 3 | Conservation of Momentum in Explosions | 5.3 | PH.6 TSW investigate and understand that momentum is conserved. | PH.6 |
| Topic 4 | Conservation of Momentum in Collisions | 5.4 | PH.6 b) Elastic & Inelastic Collisions | PH.6 b. |
| Module 5 Evaluation | | ME5 | | |
| Module 6 | Waves | | | |
| Topic 1 | Wave Characteristics | 6.1 | PH.9 TSW investigate and understand wave phenomena. Key concepts include: a) Wave characteristics (period, frequency, amplitude, energy, phase) | PH.8 b. |
| Topic 2 | Wave Interactions | 6.2 | PH.9 b) Fundamental wave processes (interference, resonance, diffraction, doppler shift, refraction, reflection) | PH.8 b. |
| Topic 3 | Sound | 6.3 | PH.9 c) Sound in terms of wave models | PH.8 c. |
| Topic 4 | Light Waves | 6.4 | PH.9 c) Light in terms of wave models. | PH.8 c. |
| Topic 5 | The Electromagnetic Spectrum | 6.5 | PH.10 TSW investigate and understand that different frequencies and wavelengths in the electromagnetic spectrum are phenomena ranging from radio waves through visible light to gamma radiation. Key concepts include: PH.10 a) Properties, behaviors, and relative size of radio waves, microwaves, infrared, visible light and gamma rays. PH.10 b) current applications based on the wave properties of each band. | PH.9a. PH.9b. |
| Module 6 Evaluation | | ME6 | | |
| Module 7 | Electricity Current & Circuits | | PH.6 investigate and understand that charge is conserved PH.13 a) Ohm's Law b) series, parallel & combo circuits c) circuit components including resistors, batteries, generators, fuses, switches and capacitors PH.12 a) Coulomb's Law b) operating principles motors, | PH.11 |

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| | | | generators, transformers and cathode ray tubes. | |
| Topic 1 | Charge | 7.1 | PH.6 | PH.6 |
| Topic 2 | Coulomb's Law: Electric Force, Field, and Potential | 7.2 | PH. 6 PH.13 c) PH. 12 a) and b) | PH.6 PH.10 a. PH.10 b. PH.11 c. |
| Topic 3 | Current, Ohm's Law and Power | 7.3 | PH.13 a) | PH.11 a. |
| Topic 4 | Simple Circuits | 7.4 | PH.13 b) and c) | PH.11 b. PH.11 c. |
| Topic 5 | Combination Circuits | 7.5 | PH. 13 b) and c) | PH.11 b. PH.11 c. |
| Module 7 Evaluation | | ME7 | | |
| Module 8 | 20th Century Physics | | PH.14 a-h | PH.12 a-j. |
| Topic 1 | Wave-Particle Duality | 8.1 | PH.10 TSW investigate and understand the wave/particle dual nature of light and current applications based on wavelength. PH.14 TSW investigate and understand that extremely small objects are not described by the same laws as those studied in Newtonian Physics. Key concepts include a) wave/particle duality; b) wave properties of matter; quantum mechanics and uncertainty. | PH.9 PH.12 |
| Topic 2 | Special Relativity | 8.2 | PH.14 e) relativity | PH.12 e. |
| Topic 3 | Quantum Mechanics | 8.3 | PH.14 TSW investigate and understand that extremely small objects are not described by the same laws as those studied in Newtonian Physics. Key concepts include a) wave/particle duality; b) wave properties of matter; quantum mechanics and uncertainty. | PH.12 |
| Topic 4 | Radioactivity | 8.4 | PH.14 i) radioactivity PH.14 f) nuclear physics PH.14 c) matter/energy equiv. | PH.12 j. PH.12 f. PH.12 c. |
| Topic 5 | Modern Physics | 8.5 | PH.14 g) solid state physics PH.14 h) superconductivity | PH.12 g. PH.12 i. |
| Module 8 Evaluation | | ME8 | | |
| Module 9 | Fluids | | PH.7 TSW investigate and understand properties of fluids. | <i>Removed from the 2010 Standards of Learning</i> |
| Topic 1 | Pressure | 9.1 | PH.7 a) density and pressure PH.7 b) variations of pressure with depth | |
| Topic 2 | Pascal's Principle | 9.3 | PH.7 d) Pascal's principle | |
| Topic 3 | Archimedes Principle and Buoyancy | 9.2 | PH.7 c) Archimedes' principle of buoyancy | |
| Topic 4 | Bernoulli's Principle | 9.4 | PH.7 e) fluids in motion PH.7 f) Bernoulli's principle | |
| Module 9 Evaluation | | ME9 | | |
| Module 10 | Optics | | PH.11 TSW investigate and understand, in describing optical systems how light behaves in the fundamental processes of reflection, refraction and image formation. | <i>Removed from the 2010 Standards of Learning</i> |
| Topic 1 | The Law of Reflection | 10.1 | PH.11 a) laws of reflection and | |

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| | | | refraction | |
| Topic 2 | Curved Mirrors | 10.2 | PH.11 b) construction and interpretation of ray diagrams PH.11 d) predictions of type, size and position of real and virtual images. | |
| Topic 3 | Refraction | 10.3 | PH.11 a) laws of reflection and refraction | |
| Topic 4 | Spherical Lenses | 10.4 | PH.11 b) construction and interpretation of ray diagrams PH.11 d) predictions of type, size and position of real and virtual images. | |
| Topic 5 | Lens and Mirror Equation | 10.5 | PH.11 c) development and use of mirror and lens equations | |
| Module 10 Evaluation | | ME10 | | |
| Integrated throughout course: | | | PH.1 a. -h. experimental design and product design PH.2 a. -e. data analysis PH.3 a. -e. nature of science, scientific reasoning, logic PH.4 a) application examples from real world PH.4 b) explore roles and contributions of sci and tech | PH.1 a. -h. PH.2 a. -e. PH.3 a. -e. PH.4 a. -b. |