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# Physics Syllabus

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## Unit 1: Energy, Force and Work

- Day 1: Orientation and Beginning Activities  
Day 2-3: Lab 1-1: What is Physics  
Day 4: Lab 1-2: Properties of Matter/Changes in Matter  
Day 5: Lab 1-3  
Lecture 1-1: Forms of Energy  
Day 6: Lecture 1-2: Sources of Energy  
Lecture 1-3: Transferring Energy  
Day 7: Lecture 1-4  
Day 8: Lab 1-4: Elastic and Kinetic Energy  
Day 9: Post-Lab on Lab 1-4  
Day 10: Lecture 1-5a  
Day 11: Lab 1-5: Work and Energy  
Day 12: Lab 1-6: Inertia and Force  
Day 13: Lab 1-7  
Lecture 1-5b  
Day 14: Lab 1-8: Mass and Acceleration  
Day 15: Lab 1-9: Force, Mass, and Acceleration  
Day 16: Lab 1-10: Force and Acceleration  
Day 17: Lab 1-11: Action and Reaction  
Day 18: Essays  
Day 19: Student Presentations  
Day 20-23: Performance Assessment: Balloon Car  
Day 24: Give Assessment #1

## **Unit 2: Force, Acceleration, and Velocity**

- Day 1: Lecture 2-1: Energy and Motion  
Lab 2-1
- Day 2: Lecture 2-2: Energy and Forces in Uniformly Accelerated Motion  
Lab 2-2: Force, Energy, and Acceleration
- Day 3: Lab 2-3: Interpreting Graphs
- Day 4: Lecture 2-3: Describing Motion: Words, Tables, Graphs and Equations
- Day 5-6: Lab 2-4: Creating Graphs
- Day 7: Lab 2-5: Graphing Relationships
- Day 8-9: Do Lab 2-6: The Paper Helicopter  
Lecture 2-4: Linear and Rotational Motion
- Day 10-11: Do Lab 2-7: Ramp and Ball: Uniform Motion  
Lecture 2-5: Describing Uniform Motion
- Day 12-13: Lab 2-8: Ramp and Ball: Uniformly Accelerated Motion  
Graphic Organizer
- Day 14: Lecture 2-6: Describing Accelerated Motion
- Day 15: Lab 2-9: Constant Speed in a Straight Line
- Day 16: Lab 2-10: Linear and Rotational Kinetic Energy
- Day 17: Lab 2-11: Graphing Uniform Motion
- Day 18: Lab 2-12: Graphing Uniformly Accelerated Motion
- Day 19-20: Lab 2-13: Acceleration of a Falling Ball
- Day 21-22: Lab 2-14: Bouncing a Ball  
Lecture 2-7: Elastic Potential Energy
- Day 23: Lab 2-15: Elasticity
- Day 24: Lab 2-16: Force and Uniform Motion
- Day 25: Lecture 2-8
- Day 26-27: Lab 2-17: Force and Accelerated Motion
- Day 28-29: Lab 2-18: Mass and Accelerated Motion  
Lecture 2-9: Newton's Second Law
- Day 30-33: Lab 2-19: Graphs of Uniformly Accelerated Motion
- Day 34: Lab 2-20: Equations of Uniformly Accelerated Motion
- Day 35-36: Lecture 2-10: Projectile Motion
- Day 37-38: Lab 2-21, Mousetrap Catapult
- Day 39-41: Lab 2-22: Launching Horizontal Projectiles  
Lab 2-23: Projectile Motion
- Day 42: Lecture 2-11: Horizontal Projectile Motion  
Lab 2-24: Range of Projectiles
- Day 43-44: Lab 2-25: Launching Projectiles at an Angle
- Day 45-46: Lab 2-26: Constant Velocity on an Inclined Plane  
Lab 2-27: Accelerated Motion on an Inclined Plane
- Day 47: Give Assessment #2

### **Unit 3: Conservation Laws: Energy and Momentum**

- Day 1: Lecture 3-1: Energy Transformations and Conservation of Energy  
Lab 3-1: Conservation of Energy
- Day 2: Lecture 3-2: Collisions: Elastic and Inelastic  
Do Lab 3-2: Conservation of Kinetic Energy
- Day 3: Lecture 3-3: Momentum and Impulse  
Do Lab 3-3: Momentum, Impulse, Force, and Acceleration
- Day 4: Lecture 3-4: The Big Picture
- Day 5: Lab 3-5: The Big Picture: Adding Motion
- Day 6: Lab 3-6: The Big Picture: Adding Energy
- Day 7-8: Lab 3-7: Collisions with High Bounce Balls
- Day 9-10: Lab 3-8: Collisions with Different Materials
- Day 11: Lab 3-9: Impulse-Momentum Theorem
- Day 12: Lecture 3-5: Conservation of Momentum  
Lab 3-10: Conservation of Momentum
- Day 13-14: Lab 3-11: Work, Force, and Energy in Simple Machines
- Day 15: Lecture 3-6: Mechanical Advantage: Making Work Easier  
Lab 3-12: Mechanical Advantage in Simple Machines
- Day 16-17: Lab 3-13: Work and Power in Simple Machines
- Day 18: Lecture 3-7: Work and Power  
Lab 3-14: Work and Power in Simple Machines
- Day 19-20: Lab 3-15: Work and Efficiency in Simple Machines
- Day 21: Lecture 3-7: Efficiency  
Lab 3-16: Efficiency
- Day 22-26: Performance Assessment: Roller Coasters  
Lab 3-17: Potential + Kinetic Energy for a Falling Body  
Lab 3-18: Potential + Kinetic Energy for a Rolling Body  
Lab 3-19: Kinetic Energy Needed to “Loop the Loop”  
Lab 3-20: Fall Paths
- Day 27: Give Assessment #3

## **Unit 4: Heat and Matter**

- Day 1-2: Lab 4-1: Radiation
- Day 3-4: Do Lab 4-2: Conduction
- Day 4-6: Do Lab 4-3: Convection
- Day 7: Lecture 4-2: Radiation, Conduction, Convection
- Day 8: Lab 4-4: Temperature and Temperature Scales
- Day 9-10: Lab 4-5: Heat Insulators
- Day 11: Lab 4-6: Heat and Temperature  
Lecture 4-1: Temperature and Matter  
Lecture 4-4: Heat Capacity
- Day 12: Lab 4-7: Heat and Work
- Day 13: Lab 4-8: Entropy  
Lab 4-9: Latent Heat
- Day 14-15: Lab 4-10: Heating Water
- Day 16-17: Lab 4-11: Heating and Cooling Curves
- Day 18: Assessment #4

## **Unit 5: Periodic Motions: Vibrations and Waves**

- Day 1: Lecture 5-1: Properties of Vibrations and Waves  
Lecture 5-2: Examples of Vibrations and Waves
- Day 2-3: Lab 5-1: Hooke's Law
- Day 4-5: Lecture 5-4: Elasticity  
Lab 5-2: Mass on a Spring
- Day 6-7: Lab 5-3: The Pendulum  
Lecture 5-3: Periodic Motion: Vibrations
- Day 8-9: Lab 5-4: Periodic Motion: Period and Frequency  
Lab 5-5: Circular Motion
- Day 10: Lab 5-6: Energy in Periodic Motion  
Lecture 5-5: Comparing Waves and Vibrations
- Day 11-12: Lab 5-7: Wavelength and Velocity
- Day 13: Lecture 5-6: Wave Velocity in a Medium  
Lab 5-8: Wavelength and Wave Velocity
- Day 14-16: Lab 5-9: Wave Transmission and Reflection  
Lecture 5-7: Wave Interactions with Boundaries  
Lab 5-10: Waves at a Boundary
- Day 17-19: Lab 5-11: Standing Waves and Resonance  
Lecture 5-8: Superposition  
Lab 5-12: Interactions of Waves
- Day 20-21: Lab 5-13: Focal Length  
Lab 5-15: Magnification
- Day 22-23: Lab 5-14: Images: Erect and Inverted, Real and Virtual
- Day 24: Lecture 5-9: Focusing on Light  
Lab 5-16: Tracing Light
- Day 25: Lecture 5-10: Bending Light  
Lab 5-17: Refraction of Light
- Day 26-27: Lab 5-18: Diffraction of Light
- Day 28-29: Lab 5-19: The Colors of Light
- Day 30: Lab 5-20: The Colors of Pigment  
Lecture 5-11: Seeing Light  
Lecture 5-12: The Electromagnetic Spectrum  
Lab 5-21: Radiation
- Day 31: Lecture 5-13: Speed of Sound  
Lecture 5-14: The Doppler Effect
- Days 32-34: Performance Assessment  
Lab 5-22: Speed of Sound in Air  
Lab 5-23: Resonance of Sound
- Day 30: Assessment #5

## **Unit 6: Fields: Electrical, Magnetic and Gravitational**

- Day 1: Lecture 6-1: Properties of Fields  
Lecture 6-2: Examples of Fields
- Day 2: Lab 6-1: Gravitational Potential Energy  
Lab 6-2: Satellite Orbits
- Day 3: Lecture 6-3: Electric Fields  
Lab 6-3: Electric Fields
- Day 4-5: Lab 6-4: Mapping Electric Fields  
Lab 6-5: Electric and Magnetic Fields  
Lecture 6-6: Power in a Field
- Day 6-7: Lab 6-6: Flow in a Gravitational Field
- Day 8-9: Lab 6-7: Flow in an Electrical Field  
Lecture 6-4: Magnitude and Direction of Electric and Magnetic Fields
- Day 10: Lecture 6-5: Flow in a Field  
Lab 6-8: Electromagnetic Flow
- Day 11-12: Lab 6-9: The Flashlight  
Lecture 6-7: Series Circuits
- Day 13-14: Lab 6-10: Holiday Lights  
Lecture 6-8: Parallel Circuits  
Lecture 6-9: Watts and Ohm's Laws
- Day 16-17: Lab 6-11: The Electromagnet
- Day 18-19: Lab 6-12: Motors and Generators
- Day 20-21: Lab 6-13: Electromagnetic Field Detector
- Day 22-24: Lecture 6-10: Overview of Modern Physics  
Lecture 6-11: The Quantum Hypothesis  
Lecture 6-12: Two Theories of Light  
Lecture 6-13: Emission Spectrum of the Atom
- Day 25: Assessment #6