

Integrated Physics

Integrated Physics is a required course for all students. It is targeted for 9th Grade. It integrates Performance Expectations from Physical Science, Earth & Space Science, and Engineering & Technology. The first year this course was taught was in 2017-18 with the class of 2021. Note: due to gaps in prerequisite grade levels, all PE may not be addressed the first two years of implementation.

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| PS2.A Forces and Motion | HS-PS2-1. Analyze data to support the claim that Newton’s second law of motion describes the mathematical relationship among the net force on a macroscopic object, its mass, and its acceleration. |
| | HS-PS2-2. Use mathematical representations to support the claim that the total momentum of a system of objects is conserved when there is no net force on the system. |
| | HS-PS2-3. Apply science and engineering ideas to design, evaluate, and refine a device that minimizes the force on a macroscopic object during a collision. |
| PS2.B Types of Interactions | HS-PS2-4. Use mathematical representations of Newton’s Law of Gravitation and Coulomb’s Law to describe and predict the gravitational and electrostatic forces between objects. |
| | HS-PS2-5. Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that an electric current can produce a magnetic field and that a changing magnetic field can produce an electric current. |
| | HS-PS2-6. Communicate scientific and technical information about why the molecular-level structure is important in the functioning of designed materials. |
| PS3.A. Definitions of Energy | HS-PS3-2. Develop and use models to illustrate that energy at the macroscopic scale can be accounted for as a combination of energy associated with the motion of particles (objects) and energy associated with the relative positions of particles (objects). |
| PS3.C. Relationship between Energy and Forces | HS-PS3-5. Develop and use a model of two objects interacting through electric or magnetic fields to illustrate the forces between objects and the changes in energy of the objects due to the interaction. |
| PS4.A. Wave Properties | HS-PS4-1. Use mathematical representations to support a claim regarding relationships among the frequency, wavelength, and speed of waves traveling in various media. |
| | HS-PS4-2. Evaluate questions about the advantages of using digital transmission and storage of information. |
| | HS-PS4-3. Evaluate the claims, evidence, and reasoning behind the idea that electromagnetic radiation can be described either by a wave model or a particle model, and that for some situations one model is more useful than the other. |
| | HS-PS4-5. Communicate technical information about how some technological devices use the principles of wave behavior and wave interactions with matter to transmit and capture information and energy. |
| PS4.B. Electromagnetic Radiation | HS-PS4-4. Evaluate the validity and reliability of claims in published materials of the effects that different frequencies of electromagnetic radiation have when absorbed by matter. |
| ESS1.A. The Universe and Its Stars | HS-ESS1-1. Develop a model based on evidence to illustrate the life span of the sun and the role of nuclear fusion in the sun’s core to release energy that eventually reaches Earth in the form of radiation. |
| | HS-ESS1-2. Construct an explanation of the Big Bang theory based on astronomical evidence of light spectra, motion of distant galaxies, and composition of matter in the universe. |

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| | HS-ESS1-3. Communicate scientific ideas about the way stars, over their life cycle, produce elements. |
| ESS1.B. Earth and the Solar System | HS-ESS1-4. Use mathematical or computational representations to predict the motion of orbiting objects in the solar system. |
| ESS2.A. Earth Materials and Systems | HS-ESS2-1. Develop a model to illustrate how Earth's internal and surface processes operate at different spatial and temporal scales to form continental and ocean-floor features. |
| | HS-ESS2-2. Analyze geoscience data to make the claim that one change to Earth's surface can create feedbacks that cause changes to other Earth systems. |
| | HS-ESS2-3. Develop a model based on evidence of Earth's interior to describe the cycling of matter by thermal convection. |
| PS3.B Conservation of Energy and Energy Transfer | HS-PS3-1. Create a computational model to calculate the change in the energy of one component in a system when the change in energy of the other component(s) and energy flows in and out of the system are known. |
| | HS-PS3-4. Plan and conduct an investigation to provide evidence that the transfer of thermal energy when two components of different temperature are combined within a closed system results in a more uniform energy distribution among the components in the system (second law of thermodynamics). |
| ESS2.B. Plate Tectonics and Large-scale system Interactions | HS-ESS1-5. Evaluate evidence of the past and current movements of continental and oceanic crust and the theory of plate tectonics to explain the ages of crustal rocks. |
| | HS-ESS2-1. Repeat |
| | HS-ESS2-3. Repeat |
| ETS1.A. Engineering Design | HS-ETS1-1. Analyze a major global challenge to specify qualitative and quantitative criteria and constraints for solutions that account for societal needs and wants. |
| ETS1.B. Engineering Design | HS-ETS1-3. Evaluate a solution to a complex real-world problem based on prioritized criteria and trade-offs that account for a range of constraints, including cost, safety, reliability, and aesthetics as well as possible social, cultural, and environmental impacts. |
| | HS-ETS1-4. Use a computer simulation to model the impact of proposed solutions to a complex real-world problem with numerous criteria and constraints on interactions within and between systems relevant to the problem. |
| ETS1.C. Engineering Design | HS-ETS1-2. Design a solution to a complex real-world problem by breaking it down into smaller, more manageable problems that can be solved through engineering. |