

Welcome to Physical Science!

Grading Policies

Types of Assessments

1. Tests (Unit tests [50 % of course grade] + Cumulative Semester Exam [5 % of course grade]):

- **Composition**

- Each unit of the course is two weeks, ending with a test, which includes content from two weeks of class work (e.g. Chapter 1A & Chapter 1B).
- Tests will usually consist of two portions — 1) multiple choice and 2) written problems.
- Tests will be emailed to parents from Learning CTR Online.
- Parents administer the test. Students fill out the Word document provided and email the file (Word compatible) to learningctronline@gmail.com for grading.
- There is a cumulative semester exam (5% of course grade) at the end of each semester.

- **Taking the Test**

- Parents must PROCTOR both portions of the test. This is a Learning CTR Online policy (<https://www.learningctronline.com/test-proctor-policy>).
- Students are on their honor to NOT begin a test until they actually plan to take the entire test in one sitting. (*They should have no previous access to the questions.*)
- Allot ninety (90) minutes for your student to take a chapter test (both multiple choice and written portions).
- Students are NOT allowed to use any outside resources (textbook, notes, people, internet, etc.) on a test. However, students are allowed to use teacher-provided reference tables and equation sheets (see “Course Resources” tab on the course site), as well as non-test related tools (calculators, scrap paper, rulers, etc.).

- **Review**

- Students should focus on the material presented in the class notes, labs, homework, text, and other graded assignments.

2. Labs/Projects (30 % of course grade):

- Students will perform lab experiments every week.
 - Directions for each lab experiment are written on the weekly overview on the course site.
 - Students will complete a Lab Worksheet (Word document) provided for each lab experiment.
 - Students should keep a folder on their computer with the lab experiment Word documents. Be sure to have a back-up of some kind in case the computer crashes.
 - Students may be asked to submit these lab experiment documents periodically.
 - Students will take a “Lab Quiz” at the end of some lab activities.
- TWO times each year, students will be required to write a Formal Lab Report based on particular assigned lab experiments.

- The particular labs that will be submitted as Formal reports are outlined (directions, which labs, etc.) and graded using a standardized Learning CTR Online rubric.
- Follow the Formal Lab Report Format document in the “Course Resources” area of the course page. A SAMPLE formal lab report is also provided there.
- Students will be given practice in writing an actual Formal Lab Report. Lab revisions are offered after the lab is graded for learning and bonus points.

3. Participation (5 % of course grade):

- Participation involves in-class participation. Students are asked to read content, to solve problems, and contribute to discussions. Asking questions and volunteering is a good form of participation.
- Participation will be assessed after each class session. Students who are absent must make up that day’s participation grade by doing an alternative assignment.

4. Homework (10 % of course grade):

- Students are to complete all assigned worksheets for note-taking and/or from the text.
 - Note-taking worksheets are provided on the course site for each week.
 - Pearson textbook worksheets are in the workbook you purchased.
 - Students should keep a folder on their computer for Homework Word documents.
- Homework assignments are open book and open notes assignments.
 - Answers for any assigned textbook worksheet will be provided on the course site.
 - Students should then reflect on and study concepts.
- Grading
 - Students may be asked directly if they completed specific assignments.
 - Some assignments will be emailed for grading.

When to submit work:

- Due dates for all assessments (HW, labs, essays, & tests) are given on the weekly overview document. Assignments are generally due before the next class session.
- There will be a 10% penalty for each day an assessment is late. After 4 days late, a “0” will be given.
 - It is important to NOT wait until the last minute to complete assessments.
 - When planned events are scheduled, prepare accordingly to avoid lateness.
- Work that is more than 4 days late will result in a teacher contact to student and/or parent.
 - **Parents must email the teacher to request an extension and suggest a new reasonable due date as per Learning CTR Online policy.** This new due date will be used to determine the final grade.
 - Extension requests are not accepted from students.
 - Please do not take improper advantage of this privilege. It is expected that students will need no more than two or three extensions for the entire school year.
- Students may submit assessments to learningctronline@gmail.com prior to the due date.

* If you know that your family or student will be missing a period of classes for any reason, please notify learningctronline@gmail.com.