

**Wellington Secondary School**  
**Physics 11: Course Outline – Mr. Elwood**

Physics is the study of energy, its effects, uses and applications. This course focuses on problem solving in each of the following areas. A good foundation in algebra is needed for success in this course. The course is principally about the study of motion: kinematics, dynamics and energy.

<b>Kinematics</b>	<b>Dynamics</b>	<b>Work and Energy</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the study of motion, Galileo and mechanics</li> <li>- distance, velocity, time and acceleration</li> <li>- 1 dimension and 2 dimension, vector motion</li> <li>- projectile motion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the study of why things move</li> <li>- Newton's Laws, inertia, force, reaction</li> <li>- Forces: gravity, friction, normal, applied, elastic, free body diagrams</li> <li>- Momentum, impulse and conservation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- definitions: work, power, energy</li> <li>- Kinetic, Potential, Heat Conservation</li> </ul>
<b>Electric Circuits</b>	<b>Waves and Optics (optional)</b>	<b>Special Relativity (optional)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- flow of electricity in a circuit</li> <li>- circuit diagrams and symbols</li> <li>- Ohm's Law for voltage, current and resistance</li> <li>- Kirchoff's rules for series and parallel</li> <li>- Circuit analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- models of wave movement</li> <li>- propagation of waves</li> <li>- properties and behavior</li> <li>- characteristics of waves.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 postulates of relativity</li> <li>- relationship of space and time</li> <li>- time dilation, length contraction, mass increase</li> </ul>

**Evaluation:** Course work: this includes all of the daily assignments, quizzes, labs, worksheets and problems. This is the on-going evaluation of student progress in the course, it will be 50% of the student grade.

**Unit exams:** Each unit will be summarized in a unit exam based on the curriculum material covered in each section of the course. This will account for 30% of the student grade.

**Final Exam:** There is a final exam in this course (school based) covering all of the required course material. It will account for 20% of your final course mark.

**Expectations:**

Students are expected to arrive in class every day on time and prepared for the work assigned. You will need a scientific calculator, notebook and your brain.

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