

Options EHS Physics A-OR		Scope and Sequence
Unit	Lesson	Objectives
One-Dimensional Motion and Forces		
	Speed and Velocity	
		Differentiate between speed and velocity.
		Describe the motion of an object using different reference frames.
		Use graphs and equations to solve speed and velocity problems.
		Interpret motion maps to describe linear motion.
	Acceleration	
		Distinguish between constant velocity and constant acceleration.
		Use graphs to analyze motion with constant acceleration.
		Solve problems involving distance, time, velocity, and acceleration.
		Interpret motion maps to describe linear motion.
	Lab: Motion with Constant Acceleration	
		Recognize the relationships between position, time, velocity, and acceleration.
		Calculate the average velocity of a moving object.
		Use graphs to determine acceleration.
	Fundamental Forces	
		Examine the four fundamental forces.
		Compare the characteristics, strengths, and ranges of the fundamental forces.
	Newton's First and Third Laws	
		Describe Newton's first law of motion and how it relates to inertia.
		Explain Newton's third law of motion and how it relates to action and reaction forces.

Unit Lesson

Objectives

Use vectors to calculate the effect of forces on objects.

Newton's Second Law

Describe Newton's second law of motion.

Calculate force, mass, or acceleration given the other two quantities.

Interpret free-body diagrams for accelerating objects.

Lab: Newton's Second Law

Determine how force and mass affect acceleration.

Calculate the acceleration of a moving object.

Impulse and Momentum

Calculate mass, velocity, or momentum given the other two quantities.

Describe impulse and how it relates to momentum.

Solve problems involving impulse.

Analyze and compare the momentum and impulse of different objects.

Conservation of Momentum

Describe the law of conservation of momentum.

Apply the law of conservation of momentum to analyze collisions between objects.

Solve problems involving the conservation of momentum.

Use mathematical representations to show that the total momentum of a system of objects is conserved when there is no net force on the system.

Lab: Conservation of Linear Momentum

Calculate the momentum of a moving object before and after a collision.

Unit Lesson**Objectives**

Demonstrate that momentum is conserved during a collision.

Unit Test

Two-Dimensional Motion and Gravity

Vectors

Use vector diagrams to determine the resultant vector.

Resolve a vector into horizontal and vertical components.

Projectile Motion

Recognize that the horizontal and vertical motions of a projectile are independent.

Identify examples of projectile motion.

Solve problems involving projectile motion.

Universal Law of Gravitation

Explain the relationships among gravitational force, mass, and distance.

Solve problems that involve the universal law of gravitation.

Describe the effect of gravity on an object.

Use mathematical representations to predict the gravitational and electrostatic forces between objects.

Centripetal Acceleration

Describe and calculate tangential speed.

Define and identify examples of centripetal acceleration.

Solve problems involving centripetal acceleration.

Circular Motion

Describe how circular motion is caused by centripetal force.

Explain the relationship between centripetal force and inertia.

Unit Lesson**Objectives**

Use centripetal force concepts to solve problems.

Interpret motion maps to describe circular motion.

Orbital Motion

Explain how Newton's universal law of gravitation affects orbital motion.

Identify the forces acting on an object in orbit.

Solve problems involving the orbital speed and period of an object in orbit.

Earth-Moon-Sun System

Describe Kepler's three laws of planetary motion.

Solve problems using Kepler's laws.

Explain the effects of Earth, the moon, and the Sun on each other.

Unit Test

Work, Power, and Energy

Work and Power

Define and describe work.

Compare the work done in different situations.

Explain how work and power are related.

Calculate work and power.

Potential Energy

Identify and describe different types of potential energy.

Solve problems involving the potential energy of an object.

Kinetic Energy

Define kinetic energy and identify situations in which it's present.

Unit Lesson**Objectives**

Calculate kinetic energy, mass, or velocity given the other two quantities.

Describe the work-energy theorem and use it to solve problems.

Energy Transformations

Explain how energy changes form.

Identify and describe examples of energy transformations.

Solve problems involving energy transformations.

Analyze and interpret energy transfer diagrams.

Conservation of Energy

Explain the law of conservation of energy.

Apply the law of conservation of energy to solve problems.

Use energy transfer diagrams to illustrate that energy is conserved.

Unit Test

Thermodynamics and States of Matter

Temperature and Heat

Distinguish between temperature, thermal energy, and heat.

Explain how temperature relates to kinetic energy.

Describe specific heat and explain why it differs from one substance to another.

Solve problems involving specific heat.

Heat Transfer

Explain how molecular movement transfers thermal energy by conduction.

Describe how fluid movement transfers thermal energy by convection.

Explain how electromagnetic waves transfer energy by radiation.

Unit Lesson**Objectives**

Lab: Mechanical Equivalent of Heat

Describe the conversion of gravitational potential energy to thermal energy in a system.

Calculate gravitational potential energy and heat.

Relate the potential energy of an object to the temperature change of water.

States of Matter

Differentiate among the four states of matter.

Identify the properties of the fourth state of matter: plasma.

Changes of State

Identify and describe the six changes of state.

Explain and interpret heating curves.

Solve problems involving latent heat of fusion and latent heat of vaporization.

First Law of Thermodynamics

Explain the first law of thermodynamics.

Solve problems using the first law of thermodynamics.

Apply the first law of thermodynamics to describe how heat engines work.

Second Law of Thermodynamics

Describe how the first and second laws of thermodynamics are related.

Explain why entropy increases over time.

Apply the second law of thermodynamics to describe how heat engines work.

Unit Test

Cumulative Exam

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Cumulative Exam Review

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