

2024-2025 Advanced Placement Contract Form

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

AP Course (circle 1): AP Physics 1

AP Physics 2

AP Physics C: Mechanics

The Advanced Placement (AP) program is a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges/universities. It gives high school students exposure to college-level material and then gives them an opportunity to show what they have learned by taking an AP Exam. Colleges and universities often grant credit, placement, or both to these students.

AP courses are characterized by an immersion in college-level content, an accelerated pace, and a performance assessment of the students' ability to synthesize and evaluate material. The AP program prepares students for the future by providing students the opportunity to develop tools that will serve them well throughout their college career. AP courses provide students a rigorous college level curriculum in the safer high school setting. Among the benefits of the AP program are:

1. Improved critical thinking skills, study skills, reading skills, and writing skills.
2. A more competitive college application, improving a student's chances for college admissions.
3. Preparation for college entrance exams.
4. Improved college performance.
5. Additional chances for scholarship money.
6. Increased likelihood that students will graduate from college in 4 years.
7. Advanced standing in college, earned with a qualifying AP Exam score.

General Course Expectations:

Successful completion of each AP course requires approximately five or more hours of individual study time per week (approximately 45 minutes to an hour per day). This includes outside readings, projects, and papers. Additional work may be assigned over weekends and during breaks. These are general guidelines and variations may occur. Students will be expected to produce high quality, thoughtful work, which will take time. Because of the exceptional rigor and challenges associated with AP Physics, more time is likely to be required.

AP classes are designed to be more rigorous, not necessarily more work. However, in order to prepare students for college (and the AP Exam) students will be required to fulfill a variety of requirements. This may include an Advanced Preparation assignment throughout the summer and/or in the first few weeks of school. These assignments are designed to prepare students for the rigor of the course.

It is strongly encouraged that students participate in tutoring and exam preparation activities, including Saturday Sessions. These will occur outside of the normal school hours. Details for these opportunities will be given to students as the school year progresses.

Students are required to take the AP exams for all AP courses in which they are enrolled during the 2023-2025 school year. Qualifying scores on AP exams enable students to get university credit or advanced placement at most colleges and universities. Note that failure to take an AP Exam may reflect negatively on school and scholarship applications. Failure to show up and take the AP course without a qualifying excuse may result in the student/family being billed for the cost of the test subsidized by the school (\$90-\$350).

In general, it is expected that students remain in an AP class for the entire course. In rare cases students may exit an AP course during registration times.

Individual student integrity is a standard of excellence for Advanced Placement students. All students are expected to do their own work. Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Infraction of any kind or degree will result in a zero on the assignment given, parent involvement, referral to the AP Coordinator and additional consequences which may include expulsion from the DASOTA AP program.

AP Physics Courses:

Physics at any level is a formidable discipline, one that requires analytical reasoning and problem-solving skills. AP Physics (university-level physics) is no exception, and students often find the course to be particularly challenging and demanding of their time. This is true on both a national and international level. Students and parents must understand that the rigors of other AP courses may need to be amplified to successfully pass the AP Physics course and final AP test.

Student Agreement

I have read the description for this/these AP course(s), and am familiar with the course expectations and accept its academic challenges. I agree to organize my time and efforts to successfully complete the course. Due to the increased rigor and challenge of this course, I will notify the teacher, request help, and attend tutorials if I fall behind in class assignments or have difficulty with course content. I understand that my success in this AP course is primarily my responsibility.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Agreement

I have read the description for this AP course, am familiar with its requirements, and agree to support and encourage my child in her/his endeavors in the course. I will notify the teacher immediately of any concerns I have relating to the AP class or my child's progress. I also understand that the expectation is that my child will remain in this class throughout the year and will seek help and assistance when needed.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date