

Mr. Morrill

2013-2014

Honors Physics

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

The educational process should be a positive experience. Learning should not be structured solely towards the accumulation of facts for the taking and passing of exams. It should be structured towards the learning, understanding, and comprehension of concepts and how they relate to each other.

These classes will be developed around student involvement and learning. The classes will provide students with opportunities for social interaction, development of organizational and learning skills needed to be successful in an ever changing world.

Grading

Homework.....	35%
Labs.....	25%
Tests/Quizzes.....	30%
Final Test.....	10%

Homework and Labs

Homework will be given in class and online through a service provided by the University of North Carolina called WebAssign. Assignments given in class will be available to download at the following site:

<http://morrillphysics.weebly.com> This program will be available to any computer that has the internet. There is a \$20.00 class fee for this class.

Tests and Quizzes

Tests will be given at the end of each unit and are worth 100 points. If you are aware of a problem that will occur on a test day, ***talk with me before the test, not after!*** If you miss a test and it is not made up, then you will receive a zero. ***At the end of the quarter, for those students who have no more than 2 tardies or absences, the low test,quiz score will be dropped.*** Quizzes announced and unannounced will be given. A cumulative final (multiple choice questions) will be given at the end of every quarter. This final is worth 10% of the grade.

Citizenship and Attendance Policy

See Jordan High School's attendance policy regarding absences and tardies.

Jordan High's Early Start

Mr. Morrill will be available every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and most Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00-7:45 AM for help. This will be the time when missed tests can be made up. You can receive extra help on assignments and missed labs may be made up. If you are receiving a NG, attendance school can be made up during this time as well. Appointments can be made by signing up on the calendar posted in the room. If you are receiving any grade lower than a C- you will be encouraged to sign up for extra help.

Academic Integrity

The Science Department places a high emphasis on honesty and integrity and I anticipate that my students will do the same. Unfortunately, many students copy homework, make illegitimate excuses for absenteeism, tardies, or unfinished homework and even use material from other sources and pass it off as their own. It is the desire of the Science Department here at Jordan High to deal honestly with students and to have them

do likewise with us. We invite all students to approach us with an honest problem solving attitude rather than excuses and deceptive behavior.

Grading Scale

Quarter grades will be based upon the following scale:

A 94%-100%	B+ 87%-89%	C+ 77%-79%	D+ 67%-69%
A- 90%-93%	B 83%-86%	C 73%-76%	D 63%-66%
	B- 80%-82%	C- 70%-72%	D- 60%-62%
			F 59% or lower

Any student who is experiencing problems with their work is encouraged to come in before or after school to receive extra help. I am available from 7:00 a.m. to 7:25 a.m. and from 2:25 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you feel you need help, please come in and see me. My school phone number is 801.826.6302 , or you may contact me via email at *david.morrill@canyonsdistic.org*. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me.

In the event a student has problems beyond his control which are not covered by this statement, the teacher will meet with the student, and if necessary the student's parents or guardian in order to come to an equitable solution.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date