

**COURSE SYLLABUS**  
**KAP PHYSICS**  
**Northland HS 2008-09**

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Text: Serway and Faughn, College Physics, Seventh Edition

This course is offered in collaboration with Kenyon College and is equivalent to a semester of college physics (mechanics) with calculus. At Northland it is the second year physics course.

All documents for this course are available through Blackboard.

**I. Newtonian Mechanics**

A. Kinematics (including vectors, vector algebra, components of vectors, coordinate systems, displacement, velocity, and acceleration)

- 1 . Motion in one dimension
2. Motion in two dimensions, including projectile motion

B. Newton's laws of motion (friction and centripetal force)

- 1 . Static equilibrium (first law)
2. Dynamics of a single particle (second law)
3. Systems of two or more bodies (third law)

C. Work, energy, power

1. Work and work-energy theorem
2. Conservative forces and potential energy
3. Conservation of energy
4. Power

D. Systems of particles, linear momentum

- 1 . Center of mass
2. Impulse and momentum
3. Conservation of linear momentum, collisions

E. Circular motion and rotation

- 1 . Uniform circular motion
2. Angular momentum and its conservation
  - a. Extended bodies, including rotational inertia
3. Torque and rotational statics
4. Rotational kinematics and dynamics

F. Oscillations and gravitation

1. Simple harmonic motion (dynamics and energy relationships)
2. Mass on a spring
3. Pendulum and other oscillations
4. Newton's law of gravity
5. Orbits of planets and satellites

## II. Electricity and Magnetism

### A. Electrostatics

1. Charge, field, and potential
2. Coulomb's law and field and potential of point charges
3. Fields and potentials of other charge distributions
4. Gauss's law

### B. Conductors, capacitors, dielectrics

1. Electrostatics with conductors
2. Capacitors
  - a. Parallel plate
    - b. Spherical and cylindrical
3. Dielectrics

### C. Electric circuits

1. Current, resistance, power
2. Steady-state direct current circuits