

## 8.4 Physics Marking Period 4

Content Area: **Science**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **Marking Period 4**  
Length: **10 weeks**  
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### Course Pacing Guide

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Part	Marking Period	Weeks
Part 1: Forces in Fluids	4	2
Part 2: Work and Simple Machines	4	2
Part 3: Energy Kinetic and Potential	4	1
Part 4: Waves	4	2
Chemistry Carnival Prep	4	2

### Unit Overview

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This unit is based on the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Science. Throughout the Physics unit students will develop a deep understanding of the inner workings of the world around us by modeling, analyzing and exploring phenomena that provide students with anchors of understanding. Students will gain an understanding that can be applied to explain phenomena that they experience in their everyday lives.

The course begins with a review of methodology and measurement, leading into an in-depth investigation of how and why we move. The students will take both a hands on and mathematical approach to the calculation of speed. Students will then explore the differences between vector and scalar quantities when applying what they have learned to differentiating between speed and velocity. This will then open into our exploration of acceleration. Once students have mastered the topics of speed, velocity and acceleration we will begin a hands on exploration of Newton's Laws of Motion with the balloon car project. This will allow students to explore friction, momentum and force in an explorative way. This will bridge into the concepts of work and simple machines with another hands on exploration in the form of a Rube Goldberg machine construction. Intertwined throughout all of our material in these units will be the application of kinetic and potential energy in all aspects of the units to show the conservation of energy throughout all aspects of Physics application. It is the goal of this unit to allow students to have the ability to explain the phenomena of motion in aspects experienced in the world around them.

## Enduring Understandings

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### Overarching concepts

- All objects and systems in nature move relative to each other.
- Forces either maintain or cause changes in this motion.
- Newton's Laws can be used to describe motion both in a straight line and around a fixed point of rotation.

### Unit 1: Forces in Fluids

- Pressure differences within a fluid cause changes in motion
- Bernoulli's Principle can be used to explain the concepts of lift and drag
- Archimedes Principle can be used to explain why and how objects float and sink

### Unit 2: Work and Simple Machines

- Work is calculated using the formula  $\text{Work} = \text{Force} \times \text{Distance}$  and is measured in joules
- Mechanical advantage can be calculated using the formulas  $\text{MA} = \text{Output force}/\text{Input force}$  or  $\text{input arm distance}/\text{output arm distance}$
- Application of the six varieties of simple machines create a mechanical advantage for the user

### Unit 3: Energy Kinetic and Potential

- Energy within a closed system is conserved
- Kinetic energy of an object can be calculated by the formula  $\text{KE} = \frac{1}{2}$
- $mv^2$
- Energy exist in many forms and has the ability to transform from one type to another to be used more effectively

### Unit 4: Waves

- Waves transmit energy from one place to another, can transfer energy between objects, and can be described by their speed, wavelength, frequency and amplitude.
- When a wave encounters a new material, the new material may absorb the energy of the wave by transforming it to another form of energy, usually thermal energy.
- Radiant energy has a wide range of frequencies wavelengths and energies arranged into the electromagnetic spectrum.
- The electromagnetic spectrum is divided into bands: Radio (lowest energy), Microwaves, Infrared, Visible light, X-rays and gamma rays (highest energy)

## Essential Questions

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### Overarching concepts

- Why are reference points so important when describing motion?
- What are the differences between balanced and unbalanced forces and what type of motion will each cause?
- How can Newton's three laws be applied to analyze the motion of any object?

### Unit 1: Forces in Fluids

- How does the pressure of a fluid affect the motion of objects traveling through it?
- How could the application of Bernoulli's principle be used to explain the concepts of lift and drag?
- How is Archimedes Principle able to explain buoyant force?
- Why does buoyant force dictate if an object will sink or float?

### Unit 2: Work and Simple Machines

- How is work calculated and what measurements make up the unit for work, the Joule?
- What two formulas can be used to calculate mechanical advantage?
- What is mechanical advantage and what does that tell us about the efficiency of a machine?
- How do each of the six varieties of simple machines create a mechanical advantage for the user?

### Unit 3: Energy Kinetic and Potential

- How do we know that energy within a system gets conserved?
- How can the motion of an object be used to calculate the Kinetic energy an object possesses?
- What are the forms energy can take and how can this energy be transformed from one type to another?

### Unit 4: Waves

- How do waves transmit energy?
- In what ways can waves be measured and what do those measurements mean?
- When waves travel from one material to another, what can happen to the energy that the waves are carrying?
- How can frequency and wavelength be used to classify different types of waves?

- How is the electromagnetic spectrum organized and what does that organization mean?

## **New Jersey Student Learning Standards (No CCS)**

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SCI.MS-PS2-3	Ask questions about data to determine the factors that affect the strength of electric and magnetic forces.
SCI.MS-PS2-2	Plan an investigation to provide evidence that the change in an object's motion depends on the sum of the forces on the object and the mass of the object.
SCI.MS-PS2-4	Construct and present arguments using evidence to support the claim that gravitational interactions are attractive and depend on the masses of interacting objects.
SCI.MS-PS2-1	Apply Newton's Third Law to design a solution to a problem involving the motion of two colliding objects.
SCI.MS-PS2-5	Conduct an investigation and evaluate the experimental design to provide evidence that fields exist between objects exerting forces on each other even though the objects are not in contact.

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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MA.8.EE.B.5	Graph proportional relationships, interpreting the unit rate as the slope of the graph. Compare two different proportional relationships represented in different ways.
MA.8.SP.A.3	Use the equation of a linear model to solve problems in the context of bivariate measurement data, interpreting the slope and intercept.

## **Technology Standards**

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TECH.8.1.8.A.3	Use and/or develop a simulation that provides an environment to solve a real world problem or theory.
TECH.8.1.8.A.4	Graph and calculate data within a spreadsheet and present a summary of the results.

## **21st Century Themes/Careers**

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CRP.K-12.CRP4	Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.
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## **Instructional Strategies & Learning Activities**

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- Quiz quiz trade
- Alpha block
- Gallery Walk

- Newton's Cars
- Roller Coaster
- Reaction Time (Speed and Velocity)
- Science Carnival
- Momentum
- Force
- Newton's Laws
- Gravity
- Weight
- Speed/Velocity
- Acceleration
- Metric System

## **Differentiated Instruction**

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Examples may include:

Inquiry/Problem-Based Learning  
 Learning preferences integration (visual, auditory, kinesthetic)  
 Sentence & Discussion Stems  
 Tiered Learning Targets  
 Meaningful Student Voice & Choice  
 Relationship-Building & Team-Building  
 Self-Directed Learning  
 LMS use  
 Student Data Inventories  
 Mastery Learning (feedback toward goal)  
 Grouping  
 Rubrics  
 Jigsaws  
 Assessment Design & Backwards Planning  
 Student Interest & Inventory Data

## **Formative Assessments**

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Classwork on various topics

Homework Assignments

Science Notebook entries

Differentiated Projects

Teacher observations

Discussion/Class participation

Exit Ticket

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### **Summative Assessment**

End of Unit Test

Differentiated Projects

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### **Benchmark Assessments**

Fall/Winter LinkIt Assessments

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### **Alternate Assessments**

Modifications to assessments based on IEP/504; alternate assessments may include oral explanations, scaffolded templates, digital choice for final model representations

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### **Resources & Technology**

[http://www.glencoe.com/sites/common\\_assets/science/virtual\\_labs/E12/E12.html](http://www.glencoe.com/sites/common_assets/science/virtual_labs/E12/E12.html)

<https://www.thephysicsaviary.com/Physics/Programs/Labs/find.php>

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### **BOE Approved Texts**

## **Closure**

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Individual classes and lessons will end with a closure activity that reinforces what students figured out during class, and helps navigate toward next steps.

Closure activities may include:

- Scientists' Circle
- Post-it reflection
- Google form exit ticket
- Group performance reflection
- Science notebook jot

## **ELL**

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- Alternate Responses
- Extended Time
- Teacher Modeling
- Simplified Written and Verbal Instructions
- Frequent Breaks
- Google Translate

## **Special Education**

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Accommodations will be made in accordance with students' IEPs. The following list provides examples:

- Shorten assignments to focus on mastery of key concepts.
- Substitute alternatives for written assignments (clay models, posters, panoramas, collections, etc.)
- Keep workspaces clear of unrelated materials.

- Provide a computer for written work.
- Seat the student close to the teacher or a positive role model.
- Provide an unobstructed view of the chalkboard, teacher, movie screen, etc.
- Keep extra supplies of classroom materials (pencils, books) on hand.
- Maintain adequate space between desks.
- Give directions in small steps and in as few words as possible.
- Number and sequence the steps in a task.
- Have students repeat the directions for a task.
- Provide visual aids.
- Go over directions orally.
- Allow the student to complete an independent project as an alternative test.
- Show a model of the end product of directions (e.g., a completed math problem or finished quiz).
- Stand near the student when giving directions or presenting a lesson.
- Mark the correct answers rather than the incorrect ones.
- Use a pass-fail or an alternative grading system when the student is assessed on his or her own growth.

## 504

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Examples of accommodations in 504 plans include but are not limited to:

- preferential seating
- extended time on tests and assignments
- reduced homework or classwork
- verbal, visual, or technology aids
- modified textbooks or audio-video materials
- behavior management support
- verbal testing
- excused lateness, absence, or missed classwork



- pre-approved nurse's office visits and accompaniment to visits

## **At Risk**

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Examples may include:

- Have students restate information
- Provision of notes or outlines
- Concrete examples
- Assistance in maintaining uncluttered space
- Weekly home-school communication tools (notebook, daily log, phone calls or email messages)
- Peer or scribe note-taking
- Use of manipulatives
- No penalty for spelling errors or sloppy handwriting
- Follow a routine/schedule
- Teach time management skills
- Verbal and visual cues regarding directions and staying on task
- Adjusted assignment timelines
- Visual daily schedule
- Immediate feedback
- Work-in-progress check
- Pace long-term projects
- Preview test procedures
- Film or video supplements in place of reading text
- Pass/no pass option
- Cue/model expected behavior
- Use de-escalation strategies
- Use peer support and mentoring

- Have parent(s) sign homework/behavior chart

## **Gifted and Talented**

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Examples may include:

- Offer choice
- Speak to Student Interests
- Allow G/T students to work together
- Tiered learning
- Focus on effort and practice
- Encourage risk taking