

IB Physics YEAR 2 - Unit 3 (IA)

Teacher(s)	IB Physics PLC	Subject Group and Course	Group 4 - Physics		
Course Part and Topic	Internal Assessment	SL or HL / Year 1 or 2	SL Year 2	Dates	
Unit Description and Texts		DP Assessment(s) for Unit			
 During this unit students will plan and carry out their IA investigation alone. Students will be expected to design their own experiment that they have designed by themselves. 		 IA Proposal (Year 1) IA Checkpoints (Year 2) IA rough draft (Year 2) IA final draft (Year 2) 	•		

INQUIRY: establishing the purpose of the unit

Transfer Goals

List here one to three big, overarching, long-term goals for this unit. Transfer goals are the major goals that ask students to "transfer" or apply their knowledge, skills, and concepts at the end of the unit under new/different circumstances, and on their own without scaffolding from the teacher.

Students may use the following content from the course:

• Topic 1 : Measurements and uncertainty

Topic 2: Mechanics

• Topic 3: Thermal Physics

Topic 4: Waves



- Topic 5: Electricity and Magnetism
- Topic 6: Circular motion and Gravitation
- Topic 7: Atomic, Nuclear, and Particle Physics
- Topic 8: Energy Production

Students will develop the following skills:

- Effectively develop research questions
- Devising reliable and valid methodology
- Effectively incorporate required safety and ethical guideline into experimentation
- Construct testable hypotheses
- Organize and analyze data using prescribed statistical tests

ACTION: teaching and learning through inquiry

Content / Skills / Concepts - Essential Understandings	Learning Process		
	Check the boxes for any pedagogical approaches used during the unit. Aim for a variety of approaches to help facilitate learning.		
Students will know the following content: • Topic 1 : Measurements and uncertainty	Learning experiences and strategies/planning for self-supporting learning:		



	⊠ Lecture	
Topic 2: Mechanics	□ Socratic seminar	
	Small group/pair work	
Topic 3: Thermal Physics	□ PowerPoint lecture/notes	
Topic 4: Waves	☐ Individual presentations	
	☐ Group presentations	
Topic 5: Electricity and Magnetism	□ Student lecture/leading	
Topic 6: Circular motion and Gravitation	□ Interdisciplinary learning	
	Details:	
Topic 7: Atomic, Nuclear, and Particle Physics	Students will learn through a combination of presentations, small group work, practice problems, and lab work.	
 Topic 8: Energy Production Students will develop the following skills: 	☑ Other(s): <i>practice problems, lab work</i>	
Differentiation:		
Affirm identity—build self-esteem	Formative assessment(s):	
Value prior knowledge	Paper 1 quizzes at the end of each subtopic	
Scaffold learning Extend		
learning		
Details: Growth will be monitored using formative assessments by instructor and self-assessed using provided bulls-eye rubric. Remediation/ extension will be conducted through homework activities and investigations conducted in class.		
	Summative assessments:	



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	Full lab report	
	Differentiation:	
	 □ Affirm identity - build self-esteem ✓ Value prior knowledge ✓ Scaffold learning ✓ Extend learning 	
	Details:	
	 SWD/504 – Accommodations Provided ELL – Reading & Vocabulary Support Intervention Support Extensions – Enrichment Tasks and Project 	
Approaches to Learning (ATL) Check the boxes for any explicit approaches to learning connections made during the	unit. For more information on ATL, please see the guide.	
 ✓ Thinking ☐ Social ✓ Communication ✓ Self-management ☐ Research 		
Details:		
Students will be continuously challenged to develop higher-order thinking skills as they take prior knowledge, combine it with new content, and analyze the data they collected to reach a conclusion.		
Students will begin to prepare for the IA and group 4 project.		
Students will communicate their findings to their peers in the form of small-group presentations.		



Language and Learning Check the boxes for any explicit language and learning connections made during the unit. For more information on the IB's approach to language and learning, please see the guide.	TOK Connections Check the boxes for any explicit TOK connections made during the unit	CAS Connections Check the boxes for any explicit CAS connections. If you check any of the boxes, provide a brief note in the "details" section explaining how students engaged in CAS for this unit.			
 □ Activating background knowledge ✓ Scaffolding for new learning ✓ Acquisition of new learning through practice ✓ Demonstrating proficiency Details: Concepts throughout topic 3 build into understanding final concepts and labs. Students will complete practice problems Students will produce a full scatter plot with high and low gradients as demonstration of learning. 	☐ Personal and shared knowledge ☐ Ways of knowing ☐ Areas of knowledge ☐ The knowledge framework Details: When does modeling of "ideal" situations become "good enough" to count as knowledge?	☐ Creativity ✓ Activity ☐ Service Details: Students will actively be carrying out experiments involving specific heat capacity.			
Resources List and attach (if applicable) any resources used in this unit Textbooks (see page 1) Online notes and videos (Schoology) Simulations and animations online (TBD)					



REFLECTION: considering the planning, process, and impact of the inquiry

What worked well	What didn't work well	Notes / Changes / Suggestions
List the portions of the unit (content, assessment, planning) that were successful	List the portions of the unit (content, assessment, planning) that were not as successful as hoped	List any notes, suggestions, or considerations for the future teaching of this unit