- I. <u>COURSE CONTENT</u> This course will consist of the following units of study:
 - Introduction to AP Physics
 - <u>Measurement and Problem Solving:</u> Introduction; Standard units of Measurements; Angular Measure; Dimensional Analysis; Significant Figures; Unit Conversions; Problem Solving Techniques.

Mechanics

- <u>Kinematics: Description of Motion:</u> Scalar Quantities-Distance and Speed; Vector Quantities-Displacement, Velocity and Acceleration; Free Fall; Kinematic Equations.
- Motion in Two Dimensions: Components of Motion; Vector Addition and Subtraction; Projectile Motion; Relative Velocity.
- *Force and Motion:* Dynamics; Concept of Force and Net Force; Inertia and Newton's First Law of Motion; Newton's Second Law of Motion; Newton's Third Law of Motion; Free body Diagrams; Friction.
- <u>Work and Energy:</u> Work Done by a Constant and Variable Force: Kinetic Energy; Potential Energy; Work-Energy Theorem; Conservation of Energy; Power.
- <u>Linear Momentum and Collisions</u>: Linear momentum; Impulse; Conservation of Linear Motion; Elastic and Inelastic Collisions; Center of Mass.
- <u>Circular Motion and Gravitation:</u> Angular Speed and Velocity; Uniform Circular Motion; Centripetal Acceleration; Angular Acceleration; Newton's Law of Gravitation; Kepler's Laws of Planetary Motion.
- Rotational Motion and Equilibrium: Rigid Bodies; Translations and Rotations; Torque, Equilibrium and Stability; Rotational Dynamics; Rotational Work and Kinetic Energy; Angular Momentum.

Oscillations and Waves

- <u>Vibrations and Waves:</u> Simple Harmonic Motion; Wave Motion; Wave Properties; Standing Waves and Resonance.
- <u>Sound:</u> Sound Waves; The Speed of Sound; Sound Intensity and Level; Sound Phenomena; The Doppler Effect.
- <u>Reflection and Refraction:</u> Wave Fronts and rays; Reflection; Refraction; Diffraction

Electricity

- <u>Electric Charge, Forces and Fields:</u> Electric Charge, Electrostatic Charging; Electric Force; Electric Field;
 Conductors and Electric Fields; Gauss's Law.
- <u>Electric Potential, Energy and Capacitance:</u> Electric Potential Energy and Electric Potential Difference; Equipotential Surfaces and the Electric Field; Capacitance; Dielectrics.
- Electric Current and Resistance: Batteries and Direct Current; Resistance and Ohm's Law; Electric Power.
- <u>Basic Electric Circuits:</u> Resistances in Series, Parallel and series-Parallel Combinations; Kirchhoff's Law, RC Circuits, Ammeters and Voltmeters; Household Circuits.
- II. <u>COURSE REQUIREMENTS</u> To complete this course successfully, students will be required to demonstrate a satisfactory, or higher, level of proficiency in:
 - Understand how measurement and problem solving are key components of physics.
 - Understanding the kinematics and dynamics of objects in one dimension and two dimensional motion.
 - Understand the concepts of force, work, energy and momentum as related to physics.
 - Understand how objects move in oscillated and circular motion both accelerated and non-accelerated frames.
 - Understand the properties of waves and that they are a transfer of energy in many forms.
 - Understand the basics of electricity. Statics, electric fields and circuits.
- III. EVALUATION PROCESS Throughout the length of this course, students will be evaluated on the basis of:
 - Tests
 - Quizzes
 - Lab Reports
 - Quarterly