

Equations used in High School Physics

MECHANICS	Equations Used
Density	$\frac{\text{mass (kg) or (g)}}{\text{volume (m}^3\text{) or (cm}^3\text{)}}$
Relative Density	$\frac{1 \left(\frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3}\right)}{\text{density} \left(\frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3}\right)}$
Graphing	$\frac{y_1 - y_2}{x_1 - x_2} \quad \text{OR} \quad \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$
Determination of resultant force via right angled forces	$\text{hypotenuse}^2 = \text{adjacent}^2 + \text{opposite}^2$
Force	$\text{Mass (kg)} \times \text{gravity (N/kg)}$
Turning moment	$\text{Force (N)} \times \text{Distance (m)}$ $(\text{Force}_1 \times \text{Distance}_1) = (\text{Force}_2 \times \text{Distance}_2)$ $\text{All upward forces} = \text{All downward forces}$
Hooke's Law	$\text{Force (N)} = \text{spring constant (N/m)} \times \text{extension (m)}$
Average speed	$\frac{\text{distance (m)}}{\text{time (s)}}$
velocity	$\frac{\text{displacement (m)}}{\text{time (s)}}$
Acceleration	$\frac{\text{change in velocity} \left(\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}\right)}{\text{change in time (s)}}$

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<p>Related equations to speed, velocity and acceleration</p> <p>s = distance (m) a = acceleration (m/s²) u = initial velocity (m/s) v = final velocity (m/s) t = time (s)</p>	$v = u + at$ $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$ $s = ut + (at^2/2)$ $s = ((u + v)t) \div 2$
Newton's second law of motion	Force (N) = mass (kg) × acceleration (m/s ²)
Momentum	<p>mass (kg) × velocity (m/s)</p> <p>Equation used for collision questions: (mass₁ × velocity₁) + (mass₂ × velocity₂) = (mass₁ + mass₂) × final velocity</p> <p>change in momentum = Force (N) × time (s)</p>
Work	Force (N) × distance (m)
Potential Energy	mass (kg) × gravity (N/kg) × Δheight (m)
Kinetic Energy	$\frac{1}{2} \times \text{mass (kg)} \times \text{velocity}^2$
Power	$\frac{\text{Energy (J)}}{\text{time (s)}}$ <p>* Where Energy = Force (N) × distance (m)</p>

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Efficiency	$\frac{\text{Output value}}{\text{Input value}} \times 100$
Pressure 1 Pa = 1 Nm ⁻²	Pressure on surfaces = $\frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Area}}$ Pressure in liquids = height (m) × density (kg/m ³) × gravity (N/kg)

THERMAL PHYSICS AND KINETIC THEORY	Equations Used
Temperature	When converting: Degree Celcius to Kelvins = + 273 Kelvins to Degree Celcius = - 273
Gas Laws Where: P means pressure V means volume T means temperature	Charles' Law $\frac{V_1}{T_1} = \frac{V_2}{T_2}$ Boyle's Law $P_1V_1 = P_2V_2$ Pressure Law $\frac{P_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2}{T_2}$ The gas equation $\frac{P_1V_1}{T_1} = \frac{P_2V_2}{T_2}$
Heat capacity	Heat capacity, C (J/K) = heat energy, E _H (J) ÷ Temperature change, Δθ (K)
Specific Heat Capacity, c	$c = \frac{\text{heat energy (J)}}{\text{mass (kg)} \times \text{change in temperature } (\Delta\theta)}$ c = Thermal capacity, C ÷ mass
Latent heat of fusion, <i>l_f</i>	<i>l_f</i> = E _H (J) ÷ mass (kg) OR <i>l_f</i> = (Power (J/s) × time (s)) ÷ mass (kg)
Latent heat of vaporization, <i>l_v</i>	<i>l_v</i> = E _H (J) ÷ mass (kg) OR <i>l_v</i> = (Power (J/s) × time (s)) ÷ mass (kg)
Various equations for heat energy, E _H	E _H heat given out = E _H heat taken in E _H = Power (W of J/s) × time (s) E _H = mass (kg) × gravity (N/kg) × height (m) E _H = ½ × mass (kg) × velocity ² (m/s) ²

Waves	Equations Used
Period, T	$\frac{1}{\text{frequency } \left(\frac{1}{s}\right)}$
wave speed, v	<p>frequency $\left(\frac{1}{s}\right) \times \text{wavelength (m)}$</p> <p>OR</p> <p>distance (m) \div time (s)</p>
Refractive Index, n	$\frac{\sin i}{\sin r}$ <p>OR</p> $\frac{\text{speed of light in air, } v_1 \left(\frac{m}{s}\right)}{\text{speed of light in material, } v_2 \left(\frac{m}{s}\right)}$ <p>OR</p> $\frac{\sin i}{\sin r} = \frac{v_1}{v_2}$
Critical angle, C	$\sin C = \frac{1}{\text{refractive index of boundary}}$
Linear magnification, m	$\frac{\text{height of image}}{\text{height of object}}$ <p>OR</p> $\frac{\text{image distance, } v}{\text{object distance, } u}$
<p>Lens formula</p> <p>Where</p> <p>u = object distance</p> <p>v = image distance</p> <p>f = focal length</p>	$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v}$

Electricity and Magnetism	Equations Used
Electric charge, Q (C)	Current (A) × time (s) OR $I \times t$
Voltage, V (V) Where E means energy transferred R means resistance	$V = E \div Q$ OR $V = I \times R$
Power, (W or J/s)	$P = I \times V$ OR $P = E \div t$
Resistance, R (Ω)	$R = V \div I$ Resistors in series = $R_1 + R_2 + R_3 \dots$ Resistors in parallel = $\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3}$
The transformer equation Where V means voltage N means number of turns I means current P means power subscript s means secondary subscript p means primary	$\frac{V_s}{V_p} = \frac{N_s}{N_p} = \frac{I_p}{I_s}$ Ideal transformer equation $= V_s I_s = V_p I_p$ OR $P_{out} = P_{in}$

THE PHYSICS OF THE ATOM	Equations used
Mass number	Number of neutrons + Number of protons
Alpha decay	${}_{Z-2}^{A-4}\text{X}$
Beta decay	${}_{Z+1}^A\text{X}$
Gamme decay	${}_Z^A\text{X}$
Energy, E (J) Where m means mass c means speed of light	$E = m \times c^2$