

## MCAS High School Introductory Physics Sample Reference Sheet for Students with this Accommodation

**ONLY** for use by students on the MCAS Physics test who have this accommodation listed in their IEP or 504 plan **Note**: Students may NOT use a reference sheet that has already been filled out prior to the beginning of the test administration, and test administrators MUST check to confirm that they are providing students with blank sheets.

Problem Solving Steps						
<ol> <li>Unknown: What do you want to find?</li> <li>Given: What do you know?</li> <li>Relationship / equation / formula</li> </ol>		<ul><li>4. Substitute givens into equation</li><li>5. Solve: Rearrange equation if needed</li><li>6. Answer: Include units</li></ul>				
Nuclear Processes						
Nuclear Fission: nuclei of atoms; Nuclear Fusion: nuclei of atoms						
Motion						
$v_{average} = \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t}$ average velo	ocity =		a = acceleration Δt = change in time			
$a_{average} = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}$ average according	$v = velocity \\ v_i = initial velocity$					
Speeding up: Direction of acceleration is the direction of velocity.  Slowing down: Direction of acceleration is the direction of velocit			$v_f$ = final velocity $\Delta x$ = change in position (displacement)			
Force						
$F_{net} = ma$ $F_{net}$ $m$ $a$						
F <sub>g</sub> = mg		m = mass g $\approx$ 10 m/s <sup>2</sup> on Earth				
The force exerted by object A on B is to the force exerted by object on  As mass increases, inertia						



Momentum						
Before	o = mv After		$F\Delta t = \Delta p$			
Energy						
$KE = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$		c = specific heat d = distance ΔE = change in energy F = force				
$\Delta PE = mg\Delta h$		$g \approx 10 \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ on Earth}$				
$W = \Delta E$	W = Fd		Δh = change in height  KE = kinetic energy  m = mass			
$Q = mc\Delta T$	$\Delta T = T_f - T_f$	$\Gamma_i$	ΔPE = change in gravitational potential energy Q = heat added or removed ΔT = change in temperature			
Higher KE of the molecules = higher			v = velocity/speed W = work			
Electricity and Magnetism						
V = IR	V I R		I = current R = resistance V = potential difference (voltage)			
Series Circuit  V  I  R	Parallel Circuit  V  I  R	- -	⊢ <sub>I</sub>			



Waves						
$v = \lambda f$	$\frac{v}{\lambda f}$	f = frequency λ = wavelength v = velocity				
Mechanical waves travel fastest through, then, then,						
Electromagnetic waves travel faster through than						
Transverse waves move, longitudinal waves move						
Science Practices						
What is the Claim?						
What is the Evidence?						
What is the Reasoning?						
Was data asked for in the question? Did you include it in your answer?						
If asked to provide a question, is it a testable question?						

\* If this sample reference sheet is used as is, or if text is *removed*, additional Department approval is NOT necessary. If information is *added*, or if a different reference sheet is created, the reference sheet must be submitted for Department approval.