

**Physics Department-Wide Policy**  
**Concerning Authorship of Lab Reports and Lab Data**

***STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM***

Laboratory Experiment Reports and Data Analysis Sheets are submitted for grading and are therefore part of your laboratory course grade. Normally the laboratory experiment is performed with a partner. As such you are allowed to discuss the meaning, setup, implementation, data, and results of your experiment with your partner. However, the written report or analysis sheet, which you submit for a grade, must be your own work, written in your words, with calculations and spreadsheets worked out and understood by you. Copying or multiple printing of calculations, spreadsheets, graphs, explanations, diagrams, conclusions, and the like without giving proper credit to the source is an act of plagiarism.

***STATEMENT ON CHEATING***

Pre-lab and Post-lab questions, which you submit for a grade, must be your own work. The use of any means which would give you an unfair advantage, such as having assistance in answering the questions, would be an act of cheating.

In-lab exams will be taken by you without assistance from any source not authorized by your instructor which would give you an unfair advantage. Using a source which gives an unfair advantage would be an act of cheating.