

# Astronomy

## Course Information:

0.5 Credit

Asynchronous Spark Course

Course Site: <https://akgrad.sparkeducation.com/>

**Course Description:** In this non-mathematical look at astronomy, students will learn what people have traditionally thought about space and how scientists currently study it. Students will develop a basic knowledge of astronomy, both historical and observational, acquire an appreciation for astronomy and the night skies and learn how astronomers study the universe and exercise some of those skills yourself.

**Course Organization:** The course is divided into thirty lessons contained in six units. Most lessons are a blend of text and video with some links to outside resources. Lessons are followed by a quiz and/or assignment. At the end of each unit is a test covering all the material from that unit.

## Materials Required:

- Computer or tablet with Internet access

**Academic Dishonesty:** With most correspondence courses as well as AKGrad & YKSD, honesty of parents and students is essential. If an AK Grad teacher confirms that a student has plagiarized work or used AI, the student will receive a 0 and be subject to consequences determined by their school of record.

**Grading:** In this course you will be graded on quizzes, tests, assignments, and two post-assessments.

- **Quizzes:** There are 30 quizzes. Quizzes are mostly computer scored and you can see your incorrect answers immediately so you can retake if necessary. The question format is largely multiple choice but can also include fill-in-the-blank, matching, or short answer. It is also permissible to use notes, study materials, and books on the quizzes. You have 2 tries to take each quiz and additional attempts can be given upon request.
- **Tests:** There are 6 tests. The tests are meant to reflect how much you have learned while completing the lessons. The question format is largely multiple choice but can also include fill-in-the-blank, matching, or short answer.
- **Assignments:** Assignments will be graded by your teacher. You are required to complete a video or audio report, along with two lab activities. The astronomy labs use everyday materials and can be completed at home. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact your online teacher.

- **Post-Assessments:** Post-assessments are cumulative. There is a post-assessment at the end of each quarter.

The following grading scale will be used for determining your final grade. After completing the course with a "D-" or better you will receive one Carnegie credit from the Yukon Koyukuk School District.

Percent	Grade
97% - 100%	A+
93% - 96%	A
90% - 92%	A-
87% - 89%	B+
83% - 86%	B
80% - 82%	B-
77% - 79%	C+
73% - 76%	C
70% - 72%	C-
67% - 69%	D+
63% - 66%	D
60% - 62%	D-
< 60%	F

**Course Schedule:** Though you are in charge of your own schedule, we will encourage you to create a schedule for completing the course. As your teacher, I will support you in meeting your goals. A pacing guide is provided in the course. The following is a list of Units that need to be completed.

Quarter 1	Quarter 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Unit 1: Describing Motion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Unit 5: Non-Contact Forces</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Unit 2: Contact Forces and Motion</li><li>● Unit 3: Momentum and Conservation of Momentum</li><li>● Unit 4: Energy and Energy Transfer</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Unit 6: Waves and Electromagnetic Spectrum</li><li>● Unit 7: Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table</li><li>● Unit 8: Chemical Reactions</li></ul>
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### **Subject to Change**

This syllabus and schedule are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances. Your instructor will notify you of changes via Spark announcements.