

A note about textbooks for Physics 221, 222, and 223

For Physics 221, 222, and 223 at Green River, Keith Clay uses the textbook and online materials for FlipIt Physics by Gladding, Selen, and Stelzer. You can find the materials in the college bookstore and you can find them online at FlipIt Physics.com. In Physics 221 we use only Volume 1, Mechanics. In Physics 222 we will use both Volume 1 and Volume 2, Electricity and Magnetism. In Physics 223 we will use both of them as well. For you as a student in Physics 221, you are fine if you buy Volume 1, Mechanics and an access code for the online materials. You must buy the access code (and you'll need it by the second day of class).

I recommend that you buy the book and the access code. Strictly speaking you don't NEED to buy the paper book but most students say they like to have it. The only thing you absolutely need is online access to FlipIt Physics Mechanics V1. If you go to the college bookstore I recommend that you buy : "FlipIt Physics V1 Mech w/ Access Code" but if you want to only buy the access code you can do that instead.

The book doesn't cost much. One of the reasons we chose to go with FlipIt Physics was to save our students some money (the competitors run about \$200). I suggest buying the book and the access code for Physics 221 and if you learn that you never use the book then only buy the access code when you buy Volume 2 (for Physics 222). Most students want the paper book. It is easier to browse and reread a paper book than it is to flip through screens online.

It is often a good idea to buy used books. That's okay for our class, as long as you are careful. First, if you don't get the most recent edition the homework problems in the book won't be quite the same as the problems online. It is the problems exactly as they are worded online that really count. Second, if you buy a used book you will still have to buy an access code. Before you decide whether a used book is a good deal or not, look up the cost of the access code and add it to the asking price for the used book. That's how much you'll really have to pay.

When you get the access code for FlipIt Physics you might be eager to run to your computer and login, but you can't join a FlipIt Physics class without a second access code from your teacher. The access code from the publisher gets you into the FlipIt Physics system but you can't see materials and homework for our class without a second code. Wait until you have the course code from your teacher! You don't want to sign up for the wrong online class.

Lastly, the paper book for FlipIt Physics is cheap because it is short. Some students prefer a longer text with more explanations and worked problems. Our class will also use Physics for Scientists and Engineers, 6TH EDITION, by Serway and Jewett. The 6th edition is old so you can find one online for a few dollars but our classroom will have copies to lend for free. I suggest you wait and borrow the book from class. If you like it then you can buy a used copy

If you have any further questions, please contact your teacher.