Conceptual Physics Curriculum Map

Unit	Topics Covered	NGSS Standards (HS-PS)	Key Skills & Activities
Intro to Physics	Experimental procedures, measurement basics, simple graphing, observation skills	SEPs	Hands-on measurement practice, graph interpretation
Motion in 1D	Speed, velocity, acceleration, qualitative motion analysis, simple kinematics	HS-PS2-1	Motion demonstrations, graphing activities
Newton's Laws	Forces, friction, action-reaction, basic free-body diagrams	HS-PS2-1, HS-PS2-2	Interactive force demos, Mousetrap Car Project
Fluids	Buoyancy, pressure, Pascal's & Bernoulli's principles, density, Archimedes' principle	HS-PS2-1	Water displacement activities, buoyancy experiments
Momentum	Basic energy conservation, momentum, impulse-momentum concept, collisions	HS-PS3-1	Hands-on demonstrations, Egg Drop Project
Work & Energy	Work, kinetic & potential energy, mechanical advantage, efficiency, simple machines	HS-PS3-1, HS-PS3-2	Problem-solving, interactive demos
Thermal Energy	Heat transfer, conduction, convection, radiation, simple calorimetry	HS-PS3-4	Heat transfer activities, simple calorimetry labs
Waves	Sound, resonance, light reflection, refraction, diffraction, color perception	HS-PS4-1	Sound resonance demos, color mixing activities
Electric Circuits	Simple circuits, current, voltage, resistance, magnetism, static electricity	HS-PS2-5	Hands-on circuit building, Electric House Build Project