

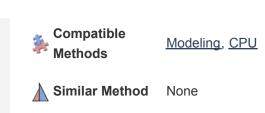
PRISMS PLUS

Indicates a research-demonstrated benefit

Overview

A high school physics curriculum and professional development program that uses a learning cycle pedagogy, inexpensive materials, and technology.

Type of Method	Instructional strategy, Full curriculum
X: Level	Designed for: High School , Teacher Professional Development Can be adapted for: Teacher Prep Course, Middle School, Intro College Algebra-based, Intro College Conceptual
⋒ Setting	Designed for: Lecture - Small (<30 students) → , Studio → Can be adapted for: Lecture - Large (30+ students), Recitation/Discussion Session, Lab
Coverage	Few topics with great depth, Teachers can select from many topics, but only cover a few in depth.
Topics	Mechanics, Electricity / Magnetism, Waves / Optics, Thermal / Statistical, Modern / Quantum
Instructor Effort	Medium
Resource Needs	Computers for students, Simple lab equipment, Advanced lab equipment
Skills	Designed for: Conceptual understanding ♠, Problem-solving skills ♠, Making real-world connections ♠, Using multiple representations, Designing experiments Can be adapted for: Lab skills, Metacognition
Research Validation	Based on research into: theories of how students learn , student ideas about specific topics , research into instructional practice Demonstrated to improve: conceptual understanding , problem-solving skills



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