Physics Rubric: ALT 1 - I can find patterns in nature and use them to predict future results or understand past events.

AST 1.1 – I can investigate to find and communicate the relationship between an independent and dependent variable, a relevant mathematical pattern in the								
collected data, and a correct prediction an additional data point.								
Highly Proficient	Proficient	Nearing Proficiency						
(4)	(3)	(2)						
My data tables have:	□ I am missing only non-bold	I am missing only one or						
□ Headings that state the measurement, unit, and matching uncertainty.	elements from the Highly	two bold elements from the						
□ All calculated data columns display the formula used for calculation.	Proficient column.	Highly Proficient column.						
My graphs have:								
Appropriately labeled and scaled axes.								
Accurate data points with error bars.								
An appropriate best-fit line with a stated mathematical model.								
My conclusions has:								
Evidence								
Mathematical Model								
Prediction								
Reasoning								

AST 1.4 – I can represent the patterns: linear, quadratic, inverse and inverse square graphically, mathematically, in data tables, and in words. **Highly Proficient** Proficient Nearing Proficiency (4) (3) (2) I miscommunicate one entire pattern or I can perfectly, or with only a single error, I can consistently, with less than four minor \square \square express the patterns graphically, errors, express the patterns graphically, type of representation. mathematically, and in data tables. mathematically, and in data tables. I have only four to six minor errors in \square representing the patterns.

AST 1.5 – I can make a high school level graph (labeled axis, scale, data points with error bars, applicable best-fit), explain its meaning (pattern and slope), and use the graph to make an accurate prediction.

Highly Proficient	Proficient	Nearing Proficiency				
(4)	(3)	(2)				
□ I meet everything in the Proficient Column.	\Box I can make a high school level graph with the	\Box I am missing only two or less				
\Box I can determine the slope of a linear graph.	correct scale and three or more of the following	parts from the bold element				
□ I can integrate my understanding of high school	elements: reasonably labeled axes, data points	and/or only one non-bold element				
level graphs into a high school level conclusion,	with error bars, and applicable best-fit line.	from the Proficient column.				
specifically communicating my: evidence, claim,	\Box I can explain the meaning of a slope (rate of change).					
mathematical model, prediction, and reasoning.	\Box I can use a pattern in a graph to make an accurate					
	prediction.					

AST 1.6 – I can identify, compare, and contrast patterns, specifically including the concept of rate of change (slope).							
Highly Proficient	Proficient	Nearing Proficiency					
(4)	(3)	(2)					
□ I meet everything in the Proficient Column.	I can consistently identify the pattern in a	□ I am missing only non-bold					
□ I can recognize and communicate important similarities	graph.	elements from the Proficient					
and differences in comparing both the linear and	□ I can recognize and communicate important	column.					
quadratic patterns and the linear and inverse patterns.	similarities and differences in comparing either the						
□ I can use actual data points from a best-fit line to	linear and quadratic patterns and the linear and						
identify what pattern the best-fit line is.	inverse patterns.						

AST 1.7 – I can communicate the value of finding patterns and explain the reasoning behind making data-informed decisions based on them.							
Highly Proficient		Proficient			Nearing Proficiency		
	(4)		(3)		(2)		
	I can communicate two important reasons or a		I can communicate at least one important reason		I can communicate at least one		
	reason and a supporting example for the following		there is value in finding patterns in nature.		important reason for the value in		
	two statements: why there is value in finding		I can communicate at least one important reason		finding patterns in nature or why		
	patterns in nature or why scientist prefer data-		scientist prefer data-informed decision making		scientist prefer data-informed decision		
	informed decision making over using wild guesses.		over using wild guesses.		making over using wild guesses.		