

Energy Skate Park

APP1 Lab #1



Before you begin the lab:

- ✓ Open the *Energy Skate Park* PhET simulation on your device. (Link is on Edmodo)
- ✓ Make sure you have *LoggerPro 3.0* on downloaded onto your computer. (It's free because you are my student. Link is on Edmodo.)
- ✓ Grab a timer.

Purpose

You are investigating the relationship between kinetic energy, potential energy, and total energy when only conservative forces are present and then again when non-conservative forces are present. The data will be analyzed graphically in order to provide a clear trend.

Directions

Part 1- Conservative Forces

1. Open *Energy Skate Park*. Choose *Intro*.
2. Take time to play around with the simulation. Make sure all boxes are checked.
 - ✚ What do you notice about the total energy, kinetic energy, and potential energy in the bar graph?

 - ✚ What do you notice about the pie graph? What must you do in order to get the pie graph to be larger?

Part 2- Non-conservative Forces

8. Click “Friction” at the bottom of the simulation.

9. Take time to play around with this simulation. Make sure all boxes are checked.

✚ What do you notice about the total energy, kinetic energy, and potential energy in the bar graph?

✚ What do you notice about the final thermal energy & the total energy once the skater has stopped?

10. You are measuring the changes in energy- total, kinetic, and potential over time. To do this, we need to establish numbers for mass and speed as well as our system: This is a **skater-earth system**.



