

The Physics Classroom – Science Reasoning Center

Student Manual

Student Registration:

Before a student can begin using the Science Reasoning Center with our Task Tracker system, they must first register for a teacher's class using a **Class Sign Up Code**. The procedure is as follows.

1. Go to the **Account** page. There is a link to **Account** near the bottom of the left-side navigation panel on every page and just below The Physics Classroom title at the top of every page.
2. On the right side of the **Account** page, there is a link titled **Register as Student**.
3. Students should create an account by filling out the form and tapping on **Register**. Students need to use a teacher's **Class Sign Up Code** (i.e., Course Code) when they fill out the form. Students must also enter a password twice and an accurate security code (in the grey box).
4. Once an account is created and linked to a teacher's course, students will see their main account page. By tapping on the **Tasks and Courses** link, they will navigate to the teacher's Course page where assignment information is listed.

Selecting and Starting Assignments

Once a student is added to a class, they can begin doing a Science Reasoning Center task (and any other purchased Task Tracker feature) using Task Tracker to track their progress through each assigned task. The procedure is very easy.

1. Tap on the **Account** link found near the bottom of the left-side navigation panel on every page and just below The Physics Classroom title at the top of every page. If not logged in, then log in using the email address and password used at registration.
2. Tap on the **Tasks and Courses** link to navigate to the Course page where assigned tasks are shown. Students will see all assignments organized by topic. If there is more than one topic, then a student can tap on the topic to view assignments for that topic.
3. Due dates and scoring information are available for each assigned task. A color coding and number system is used to indicate the urgency of an assigned task relative to the due date. **Green** indicates that the assigned task has been completed. **Blue** indicates that an incomplete task is approaching the due date (7 days away). **Yellow** indicates that the due date is very soon (48 hours away). And **Grey** indicates its more than a week away. **Red** indicates that the task is not complete and past the due date but can still be completed for late credit. **Black** indicates that the task is overdue and no longer creditable. The numbers inside of each oval indicate the number of assignments with that urgency level.
4. To start an assigned Science Reasoning Center task, tap on the **Start This Task** link. This takes you to the entry page for the task. Tap **Start** to see the Main Menu with all the listed activities.
5. Tap on an activity name or the **Start** button to the right of it. As the activity begins, make sure that your email displays in the username field. If it still does not, then return to the **My Account** page and log in. Begin answering questions and watch your progress rise in the **Progress Report** (right side). Refer to graphs and tables by tapping on the small thumbnail at bottom right. When you complete the activity, you will earn a Trophy and some Dataways. A record of completion gets stored in Task Tracker.
6. Each Science Reasoning Center task consists of two or more activities consisting of one or more questions. Your progress on the activities is not saved; only your completion of an activity is saved. If you are halfway done with an activity at school, you will be able to complete it at home only if you keep the browser tab open. When you decide to resume the activity, open a new browser tab and log in; then you can continue working in the other browser tab.