THINKING ABOUT TEACHING PHYSICS?
Check out the reasons why physics teaching might be a great career choice for you!

THE U.S. NEEDS GOOD PHYSICS TEACHERS.
The U.S. needs you! More students are taking high school physics than ever before, and there are over 1,400 openings for high school physics teaching across the U.S. each year.

IT’S FLEXIBLE, SECURE, AND HAS HIGH EARNING POTENTIAL.
Physics teachers have the option to use their breaks to engage in professional development and to have a balanced family life. Great physics teachers are typically well-paid.

TEACHING ALLOWS YOU TO BE A LIFE-LONG LEARNER.
Physics is an expanding discipline, and new discoveries are made every year, from engineering to quantum computing to gravity waves.

TEACHING PHYSICS CHANGES LIVES.
You might be considering teaching because you have had an inspirational teacher, or perhaps you’ve had meaningful experiences as a mentor, guide, or coach. You know how it can help others.

TEACHING PHYSICS IS FUN!
Physics teachers are known for their toys. More importantly, introductory physics courses typically allow students to manipulate the world and see its effects almost immediately.

PHYSICS TEACHING IS A RESPECTED PROFESSION.
An understanding of physics is what first put humankind on the moon. Goals like energy conservation, management of climate change, nuclear security, and world harmony are dependent upon physics.

INTERESTED?
To start, visit aapt.org to find out more about physics teaching. Each state has its own physics teaching certification process. Find a Physics Teacher Education Coalition (PhysTEC) partner near you, simply visit PhysTEC.org or reach out to your physics department.

The American Association of Physics Teachers is a professional membership association dedicated to enhancing the understanding and appreciation of physics through teaching.
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