

Ceramics Syllabus

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Welcome to Ceramics!

Ceramics is a place where students learn hands-on about the entire ceramic process from making and mixing clay, to sculpting and throwing, to glazing and firing.

Hands-On

Learning to manipulate clay is a physical skill that requires intense concentration, hand-eye coordination, strength and muscle memory. Competence in ceramics only comes with practice, practice and more practice. We provide you with the time, materials, equipment and guidance. It is up to you to do the rest.

Grading and Class Content

In Ceramics you will learn to use clay as a medium for building functional pottery as well as sculpture and decorative pieces of art. The assignments will be ½ wheel throwing and ½ hand building. You will have 2 assignments at a time, one wheel one handbuilding. You have 2 weeks to complete both assignments. Usually your 1st try is not your best so turn in only your best work for evaluation. If your work gets lost, broken or stolen it is up to you to make it up. I will update grades weekly or within a week of projects being returned.

You will be assessed on the Form, Function and Finish of each piece as well as your focus and attitude. Time, craftsmanship and consideration should be evident in your work.

Daily Routine

- When you come to class please leave all bags and personal items in the locker room. If you don't want to get muddy bring some clay clothes or an apron
- Each day you are either on the wheel or hand building at the tables. Check the schedule
- Assignments are written on the board and examples are on the teacher's desk. Please get supplies out right away and begin working
- If you missed a demo or need additional help please ask your instructor or a Ceramics 2 or 3 student.
- Use the entire class time productively. Ceramics is a studio class where all the work must be completed in class. We expect you to use the time you have constructively. **If you choose to clean up early, you will be expected to help with studio chores**
- The last 10 minutes are for clean up. You are expected to clean up all your tools, the equipment you used, and help with common areas like sinks, tables and glaze area.
- After the room is clean your instructor will excuse you to the locker room where you may wait until the bell rings.