

Ceramics 1: Course Syllabus

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Welcome to Ceramics 1. This syllabus is designed to introduce the program and expectations to make sure all students are successful. Please read it with your student, sign one copy, and keep the other as reference. *There is a \$10 fee for this course.*

I have been studying ceramics for the past 8 years and have much insight into the world of clay and various techniques to teach students so they become powerful artists. I am a practicing artist and have shown my work all over. I believe creating art should be fun and a constant learning experience. Students are expected to take risks with their creativity and to think outside of the box. My goal is for all students to succeed and not only learn about ceramics but also to help them become practicing artists.

The Class

This course and our studio run on mutual respect: the teacher respects the students, the students respect the teacher, the students respect each other, and the students respect the materials. All assignments done in the classroom will have clearly defined objectives and expectations. All assigned work is important and should be done to the best of a student's ability. To succeed in this class the students should not only try their hardest but have a positive attitude as well.

1. Students will arrive to class on time and be ready to work upon entering the studio. Students are expected to attend every class unless there is an excused absence. It is the student's responsibility to set up a time with me to make up the studio time that was missed.
2. Students will keep a notebook or sketchbook for note taking during demonstrations. This will compute into the student's final grade.
3. Students are responsible for their own messes. Do not expect someone else to clean up after you. Students will not be dismissed until the studio is clean.
4. Students will not waste materials and supplies.
5. Students will work the entire class period.
6. Students will respect all materials. If a student is caught disrespecting materials, including throwing clay, they will be required to come in after school to do studio clean up.
7. The school tardy policy will be enforced.
8. No electronics of any kind are allowed in the studio. This is a school policy.
9. No tools or clay are to be taken outside the studio.

Grading

Grading is according to the DPS high school grading system, computed by points. Students who consistently work hard, attend each class, and complete assignments on time and in a quality fashion will succeed. A's and B's are expected from every student.

I am excited to work with you and your student and I know that your student will produce powerful artwork. Please contact me with any questions.

Student Signature

Student Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature

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