

Ceramics 1 & 2

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Course Description

This section has students in both Ceramics 1 and Ceramics 2. Although ceramics one is primarily focused on hand building techniques, students will get some wheel throwing experience.

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Ceramics I - Introduces the characteristics of clay and design in clay using various techniques of construction and decoration. Emphasizes hand building and introduces other forming techniques, surface decoration, and glaze applications. Covers styles of ceramic works from Western and non-Western cultures.

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Ceramics II - Enhances level-one skills and provides opportunities to apply design techniques in clay through hand building and/or throwing on the potter's wheel. Introduces formulation of basic glazes and kiln firing; stresses evaluation of clay forms through art criticism.

Course Materials

Required Materials

- Small 3 ring binder or folder to keep handouts, notes and other class materials.
- One bottle of liquid hand soap

Optional Materials

Old clothes/shoes for use when wheel throwing

Grading Categories and Weights

Individual scoring rubrics will be used for each area, project, and assignment.

Creating/Producing (40%)

Projects are not optional. They are graded on: following instructions, effort and initiative, originality, and craftsmanship. Keep up with due dates. Only completed work will receive full credit. If you need additional time please meet with me to discuss your needs BEFORE the due date.

Presenting (20%)

This includes planning documents.

Responding (20%)

Art critiques, written responses, and quizzes. We will do frequent critiques-participation is important.

Connecting (10%)

Demonstrating how skills learned in art transfer to other subjects and other areas of life. A bi-weekly work ethic grade will be given.

Final (10%)

This may be a final project or a test

GRADING POLICY:

All grades will be based on a percentage system. All grades will be numeric. The grading scale is as follows:

A = 90 and above

B = 80 - 89

C = 74 - 79

*D = 70 - 73

*F = 69 and below

**Students who receive a grade of "D" or below in this course will not receive recommendation to continue taking Visual Arts Courses at Wheeler.*

Rules and Expectations Students must adhere to ALL Wheeler behavioral expectations as outlined in the school handbook, this includes but is not limited to: dress code, tardy policies, weapons, illegal substances, fighting, and bullying.

- **Be RESPECTFUL -20** = Listen when teacher is speaking; respect each other's opinion & different cultures
- **Be ENGAGED -10** = Actively working on projects/assignments; doing my work to my fullest ability
- **Be ACCOUNTABLE (& ATTENDANCE) -10** = Maintaining supplies & equipment; knowing where they belong; following all class and school rules; coming to class on time; limiting unexcused absences.
- **Be a LEADER -10** = Performing assigned duties or respecting the duty positions; model positive behavior

Phone/Headphones Rules *Phone are only to be used for listening to music WHILE WORKING independently. Students should NOT have their phone out watching videos-phone should not be seen, they are for listening only. Ceramics can be very messy. Keep this in mind when using any electronic device.*

BEHAVIOR POLICY:

When the student's behavior does not meet the class expectations the following will occur.

- 1st time:** Warning/Teacher Intervention
- 2nd time:** Teacher/Student Conference
- 3rd time:** Written assignment (signed by parent)
- 4th time:** Contact parent by phone, email, or conference
- 5th time:** Office Referral

STUDENT INFORMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Signing below indicates that the student and teacher have reviewed all course requirements, expectations, behavior requirements, grading policies, and required materials.

I have received and read the VA Comp syllabus and agree to its contents.

Student Name (please print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Advisement Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Picture/Video Authorization:

During the year, we will be taking pictures and/or videos of our students. I, _____, the lawful parent or guardian of _____ give my permission to release _____ or not release _____ any pictures taken of the above mentioned child, by the art teachers (Dr. Casey/Mr. Rembert) to be included in any announcements, advertisements, and documents in the Wheeler High School name.

My goal is to make this semester both educational and enjoyable for your student. If there is any information you would like me to know about your student that will help in their success, please include that here: