WCSD Art Curriculum

HS Ceramics I Overview



Secondary Art Department Philosophy Statement

We aspire for learners to be brave, independent, and driven by valuing relationships that nurture vulnerability and the potential for all humans to create.

Ceramics I Description

This class explores the various areas of creating with clay, specifically hand-built, wheel thrown pottery. The student will have the opportunity to learn glazing and decorating techniques. **Art I and Art II are prerequisites for this course.**

Students will...

- Demonstrate an understanding of clay and glazes as a language for expression, meaning, communication and creativity in 3-D form.
- Complete work and develop skills in a sculptural form
- Practice a responsible attitude toward the care and safe use of media, tools and materials
- Develop the ability to evaluate art work
- Develop individual thinking and problem solving skills

Ceramics I Units

- 1) **CONNECT**:
 - a) Reflect on their own personal story
 - b) History of wheel throwing
 - c) History of hand building
 - d) Develop Plans for projects
 - i) Creative/Personal Idea Generation
 - ii) Elements of Art & Principles of Design
- 2) CREATE:
 - a) Texture Tiles (Optional 1-2 Day Intro Refresher)
 - b) Pinch Pot (Optional 1-2 Day Intro Refresher)
 - c) Coil
 - d) Slab
 - e) Hidden Teapot
 - f) Wheel Throwing (Cylinder/Bowl)
 - g) Handle Pulling
 - h) Mug (Thrown or Handbuilt)
 - i) Slump Mold (Raku)
- 3) **RESPOND**:
 - a) Individual/Partner/Small Group/Large Group Critiques
- 4) **PRESENT**:
 - a) Analyze, select and refine your work to make it worthy of presenting

Waukee CSD 6-12 Guiding Principles

- Responsive instruction and ongoing assessment are necessary for all learners to grow and progress.
- A body of evidence is used to determine proficiency.
- Course grades accurately communicate only academic achievement of the standards.
- Equitable practices and opportunities exist across all classrooms.