Deer Valley Unified School District

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Ceramics 1-2

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Course Description:
Students in ceramics will concentrate primarily on hand building techniques through the construction of functional, as well as sculptural forms. Surface decoration such as glazing, staining and other techniques will be explored. Students will be expected to become fluent with ceramics terminology and use their ipad to document their work in progress and keep notes. This course is aligned with Arizona College and Career Ready Standards and/or national content standards and supports school-wide efforts to increase student achievement.

Course Objectives:
By the time the student completes this course of study, the student will know or be able to:
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- Successfully use a variety of handbuilding techniques, pinch, coil and slab.
- Demonstrate an understanding of wheel throwing techniques.
- Master ceramic terminology.
- Successfully use a variety of decorative techniques
- Demonstrate proper use of art tools, media and techniques.
- Apply design elements and principles to his/her personal artwork.
- Analyze and critique finished work.

Classroom Rules and Consequences:
It is imperative that all students follow the guidelines illustrated in the student handbook. Ceramic studio safe practices are expected of all students. Choosing to defy any of the campus, classroom policies or refusal to follow a reasonable request will result initially in a verbal discussion. If behavior persists then parent contact will be made to find a solution. Continued defiance can result in a referral and possible removal from class.

Grade Book Weighting: (District Wide)
80% Assessment
20% Coursework
0% Practice

Grading Scale
100% - 90%
89% - 80%
79% - 70%
69% - 60%
59% - 0%

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The course is based on accumulated points each 18 week period. No extra credit will be given.

Report Cards
In an effort to conserve resources and harness the capacity of our electronic grade reporting program (PowerSchool) district schools will no longer print hard copies of report cards unless requested by individual parents. To request a hard copy of your student's report card, please contact the front office at 623-376-3000. To receive your PowerSchool login, please stop into the office with a valid photo ID.

Power School Online Access:
Grades and attendance may be accessed 24 hours a day online with your Power School access code. Access codes are available in the Counseling Office or Front Desk Monday – Friday 7:00 AM– 3:30 PM. You may check student progress regularly on the PowerSchool site using the same login for one or more students. For Mountain Ridge parents/guardians without home computer access, a computer with guest log-in capability is available in the Counseling Conference Room.

Academic Assistance/Office Hours:
In addition to the Academic Prep times built into our schedule each week, I am traditionally available by 7:00am in the morning and after school until 3:00pm in my classroom. An arrangement ahead of time is strongly encouraged to assure no conflict with school meetings.
>>Studio time availability after school for help or just to come and work will be kept posted and updated on the white board in my room.

Make-up Policy:

Absences: After an absence**,** a student has one school day for each day missed to make up work/tests, regardless of the number of days absent. If many days were missed, please schedule an appointment with me to formulate a plan for the completion of make-up work. Make-up work for extended absences (over 3 days) may be requested through the Counseling Office and picked up there.

Late Assignments Policy:
In order for **Late Work** to be accepted, students must meet the following parameters:

- Assignment is not due within the class period
- Assignment is not a timed activity (such as a Quick-Write Essay)
- Assignment is not a Long-Term assignment (over multiple weeks)
- Assignment is turned in by the end of the instructional unit

Classwork Policy: In-class assignments may be due by the end of the class period. You will receive time to complete in class.

Test Retakes – Assessment Category Only

The student completes another assessment of the same learning targets. The assessment to be retaken may be in the same format or a different format and will be at the same difficulty level. The higher of the two scores will be entered in the gradebook.

To earn a retake opportunity, a student must complete all of the following:

- Consult with the teacher
- Submit a reassessment plan or application, if required by the teacher
- The reassessment plan may include all formative coursework related to the content/skill assessed

Reassessment Plan

- The student must initiate contact with the teacher within 5 school days of the assessment score being posted.
- The student must communicate with the teacher to create a reassessment plan.

AI Statement

In Deer Valley Unified School District, we are committed to providing our students with the best possible education while ensuring their safety, privacy, and well-being. As part of our ongoing efforts to enhance learning experiences, we may incorporate the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the classroom for students. However, it is important to approach this technology with caution and adhere to responsible data privacy practices.

DVUSD has determined that the use of Large Language Models (LLMs), such as ChatGPT, is prohibited unless clearly specified by your teacher. Specific guidelines will be provided in the assignment details. If you are unsure if the tool or website you are using is an LLM or if it is permitted on a specific assignment, please contact your teacher before submitting your work.

Daily Device Use (iPads)

Students should come to school with their iPads charged and ready to use in each class every day. Devices may not be used to record or take photos of other people without their consent. Consequences for classroom disruptions and misuse of devices will follow a progressive discipline model, beginning with a phone call home and progressing to office referrals for repeated or more serious offenses. See the Student Rights and Responsibilities consequence chart in the handbook for more specific descriptions of infractions and consequences.

Recommended Supplies for this Course

All DVUSD students can successfully participate in visual arts classes. All supplies will be provided. However, some students prefer to have their own personal set to use, and practice with at home.

These supplies can be found in online platforms like Amazon, Blick Art Materials, Walmart, etc. Local stores are sometimes limited with supplies, especially at the beginning of the school year.

>9 piece Pottery Tool Kit



1. Modeling tool
2. Ribbon tool
3. Loop tool
4. Wood rib
5. Metal rib
6. Needle tool
7. Fettling knife
8. Wire tool
9. Sponge

You can purchase multiple piece tool kits but look for these or similar tools to be included.

>Bag or Small box to keep supplies in. Put your name on containers and if possible, your tools.

>Paint Brush Set for glazing. Variety of detail brushes for small detail and flat brushes to cover flat areas. Synthetic brushes work best.

Remind: I utilize the texting service "Remind" to occasionally send reminders for class assignments. Subscribe to this by texting "@mrhsclay" to 81010.

I have read and understand the contents of this Syllabus.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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Student Signature Date