



Name of School: **Davenport North High School**

Name of Course: **Claywork (116411)**

Instructor Information

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Course Description

This course will provide students many opportunities to design and form different objects in clay. The three hand building techniques of Pinch, Coil and Slab will be introduced as well as sculptural methods. An introduction to the history of ceramics will be included. Students will be encouraged to explore the work of individual artists as they relate to their projects. Students will also learn to express their ideas and feelings through the use of an art journal.

District Standards and Power Benchmarks

Visual Arts Standard:

Students will understand, produce and value visual art

Power Benchmark:

Students will process, analyze and respond to sensory information through the language and skills unique to the visual arts. (Artistic Perception)

Students will use media, techniques, and processes to communicate ideas, experiences, feelings, and stories. (Creative Process)

Students will understand the historical contributions and cultural dimensions of the visual arts. (History and Culture)

Students will respond to, analyze, and make judgments about works in the visual arts. (Art Criticism)

National Standards:

Understanding and applying media, techniques, and processes

Using knowledge of structures (e.g. sensory qualities, organizational principles, expressive features) and functions of art

Choosing and evaluating a range of subject matter, symbols, and ideas

Understanding the visual arts in relation to history and cultures

Reflecting upon and assessing the characteristics and merits of their work and the work of others

Making connections between visual arts and other disciplines

Course Information

Course Length: One term

Elective Course
.5 credits awarded
No prerequisite

Text/Other Required Materials/Resources

Resources: art prints, student work, color wheel, Elements of Art poster, Principles of Design poster, museums, guest artists, printed material, internet sources, A/V media, Students' and teacher past examples, and articles. Students will keep an art journal. This can be done in a composition notebook, spiral notebook, binder or 2 pocket folder and will be a compilation of the terms journal assignments turned in at the end of the course.

Instructional Procedures & Support

- Cooperative learning, hands on lab work, and lecture.
- Note taking, compare and contrast, higher order thinking skills, and critiquing.
- Listening to directions, completing projects, classroom participation.
- Homework expectations – meet assignment deadlines.
- Make-up work - Before and after school or at home if applicable.
- All make-up work is due by Mid-term and before finals.
- Students are encouraged to ask questions during class, before and after school and peer tutoring.

Classroom Management Procedures

Students are expected to follow the policies set forth in the student handbook. Student handbooks are the only admissible hall passes. Students are expected to comply with all classroom safety procedures.

Davenport Community Schools K-12 Visual Arts Guidelines

Student Artwork shall not depict these items:

Criminal Acts

Tobacco, Liquor, and Controlled Substances

Assaults & Threats to Others

Gang Activities or Symbols/Paraphernalia

Weapons

See Davenport School Board Policy 504.01

<http://www.davenport.k12.ia.us/schoolboard/bpolicy/504.as>

Assessment Plan

Projects are graded using the following criteria: aesthetic content, craftsmanship, effort, and following directions. Students will be encouraged to enter into the evaluation process by using rubrics and standard critique procedures using Elements and Principles of Art.

Progress reports will be distributed to communicate course standings.

A final assessment activity will be utilized to evaluate student's level of proficiency.

A presentation and critique will be required, to bring closure to the student's final assessment activity during the time allotted for course finals.

Grading System

Following the Davenport Community School District Guidelines, the grading scale is as follows:

A: 90-100%

B: 80-89%

C: 70-79%

D: 60-69%

F: 59 - Below