

# Pottery Class Policies

**Course Content:** Students will be constructing at least 6 pieces of pottery per quarter. They will learn and demonstrate in their assignments many forming methods. Decorative techniques and glazing will also be covered in the first quarter. The second quarter will require application of these techniques to various functional and decorative forms. We will be using high-fire stoneware clay which is food-safe and can be used in the dishwasher and oven. Ceramic design and history will also be visited. Reading, writing and research about our different types of assignments are a part of this course. All pottery students need to understand that we are a community of learners. This means a cooperative spirit from each individual is essential to everyone's success.

**Grading:** Points for each assignment are based on accomplishing the specific criteria for that assignment. Success is closely tied to the amount of time and effort put into each piece. We will have small participation assignments at the beginning of every class that will be directed at helping the students produce the best work that they can. Written work, tests and participation will comprise 50% of a term's grade, while the actual pottery pieces will compromise the other 50%. Since all clay work is done in class, attendance is important. Grading on the SIS system is updated regularly. I will take time every two weeks to update grades and discuss students work during class. Students are encouraged to check their totals regularly.

**Citizenship:** All students that come to class regularly and participate will receive a "S" or satisfactory for a citizenship grade. Perfect attendance and classroom participation will earn a "H" or Honor mark. Students who miss class more then **three** times will receive an "UA" or unsatisfactory attendance. Students who are regularly off task, careless with tools and materials, neglect to clean up, or disrespectful will also have their citizenship marked down ("U" for unsatisfactory).

**Fees:** Students are expected to bring a **\$20.00 fee receipt in the first week of class** paid at the office. This fee covers the cost of a 25lb bag of clay, glazing and firing for each student and replacement of class tools. A student may also work for their clay on Monday's form 1:30-2:30 recycling old clay and/or cleaning the studio. Most Students in a beginning pottery\* class are able to complete all of their projects with the 25lb bag, depending on the care of clay and choice of size of projects. Additional bags of clay are available for \$10 each.

\*Advanced Pottery students should plan on purchasing two bags (\$30).

**Open Studio:** The pottery studio is open to all students Mondays from 1:30-2:30, and during both first and second lunches.

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

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Date

Be Good

Have Fun

Create Wonderful Things