

# Wasatch High School Pottery

Our pottery class is designed to expose students to a wide variety of construction techniques, while giving them a chance to explore and create at their own pace. Each week will consist of teacher demonstrations, research of ideas, and online resources and readings. The class will move quickly demonstrating and introducing assignments, while leaving ample time in class and near the end of term to complete the work. At the beginning of every class we will have a small participatory assignment: On Mondays we will explore ceramics magazines and readings. Tuesdays and Wednesdays we will do internet searches around the assignments and Thursdays and Fridays we will watch a short clip based around the projects we are working on. If a student is absent these may be made up during class intervention time or Mondays consultation time (1:30-2:30).

## Term 1

**Week 1** - (Get to know clay, Stages of clay, equipment Class procedures)

Participation points- *Parent & Student Info* Points: 5 Suggested completion: end of week 3  
Assignment introduced: "Clay Me" & Hand Points: 10 & 25 Suggested completion: end of week 3

**Week 2**- (Pinch pots, clay tools, Score and Slip, Pot parts, Pottery Vocabulary Quiz, Monday Magazines)

Assignment introduced: *Pinch pots* Points: 25 Suggested completion: week 5  
Assignment introduced: *Mondays Magazine* Points: 15 Suggested completion: week 10  
Participation points- *Hand Ideas* Points: 3  
Participation points- *Hand making Video* Points: 3  
Quiz- Stages of clay/Clay Vocabulary Points: 10

**Week 3**- (Slab bowls using a preform)

Assignment introduced: *Slab bowl* Points: 25 Suggested completion: end of week 6  
Participation points- *Slab bowl Ideas* Points: 3  
Participation points- *Slab making Video* Points: 3

**Week 4**- (Glazing)

Assignment introduced: *Glaze poster* Points: 5 Suggested completion: week 4  
Assignment introduced: *Final finish* Points: 25 Suggested completion: week 7  
Participation points- *Glaze Ideas* Points: 3  
Participation points- *Glazing Video* Points: 3  
Quiz- *Glazing do's & don'ts* Points: 5

**Week 5**- (Designer rock and pouch pot construction using newspaper preform)

Assignment introduced: *Rock or Pouch Pot* Points: 25 Suggested completion: week 6  
Participation points- *Rock Ideas* Points: 3  
Participation points- *Paper Clay Video* Points: 3

**Week 6**- (Coil Construction)

Assignment introduced: *10" tall Coil Pot* Points: 25 Suggested completion: end of week 8  
Participation points- *Coil Ideas* Points: 3  
Participation points- *Maria Martinez Video* Points: 6

**Week 7**- (Wheel Throwing)

Assignment introduced: *The 2 Day Throw* Points: 25 Suggested completion: end of week 9  
Participation points- *Throwing Video* Points: 3  
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**Week 8-** (Wheel Throwing continued & Studio week)

Participation points- *Throwing Video* Points: 3

Participation points- *Potters Meal Video* Points: 6

**Week 9-** (Studio)

Participation points- *Student choice pots* Points: 3

Participation points- *Pottery making Video* Points: 3

**Week 10-** (Bowl Testing, Vocab Final)

Assignment introduced: *Bowl Testing* Points: 5

Suggested completion: week 10

Participation points- *Bowl Critique* Points: 3

Participation points- *Studio Potter Video* Points: 3

Quiz- Clay Vocabulary Points: 20

Total Participation and Quiz points: 85 = 50% of grade

Total Assignments points: 205 = 50% of grade