



# Deer Valley Unified School District

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Ceramics 3-4

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## Course Description:

Students in ceramics 3-4 will continue working with handbuilding techniques mastered in 1-2 and will learn basic wheel throwing and sculpture techniques. Surface decoration such as texture, 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:

- Demonstrate mastery 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.

## Grading:

Grading Breakdown:

**80% 18 Week:**

Classwork 90%, Tool Maintenance 10%

**20% Final Exam:**

## Grading Scale:

A: 100-90 %

B: 89-80 %

C: 79-70 %

D: 69-60%

The course is based on accumulated points through each 18-week period. The final exam is worth 20% of the overall grade. Following Mountain Ridge High School handbook; no extra credit will be given.

## Grading Code:

30% = No assignment submitted

50% = Assignment submitted but needs corrections

60%-100% = Earned grade for submitted assignment

## **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, additional assistance/tutoring is provided on a weekly basis both by MRHS and individually by instructors.

>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 will be kept posted and updated on the white board in my room.

I also encourage your son/daughter to write down my availability each week in their Mountain Ridge planner (provided by the school) so that you, too, are aware of my weekly availability.

## **Remind101:**

I utilize the texting service "Remind101" to occasionally send reminders for class assignments. Subscribe to this by texting "@clay3-4" to 81010.

## **Absences/Make up Policy:**

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.

**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:**

Every student in Ceramics class will be provided supplies necessary to be successful. All students have two options regarding materials and supplies used during class.

>>Please read **MRHS Ceramics Options**, select your option, sign and return.