



Welcome to the WCSD Fine Arts Program

This course is offered through WCSD and offers an ongoing artistic learning experience on a daily basis for all students. Our Fine Arts program offers multiple opportunities for young artists to collaborate with working artists throughout the program. Display opportunities are ongoing and include our annual District-Wide Festival of the Arts. Our students are guided by talented teachers with years of experience teaching and creating art in the district as well as in private studios, galleries, local colleges, and universities. Through our Fine Arts program, our students have the opportunity to achieve their Advanced Regents Diploma and take Advanced Placement courses. We align our work to the NYSED Standards for the Arts to provide opportunities for students to pursue their passion through creativity and rigor.



Full Year Ceramics- 1 Credit

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Course Description:

This full year course will offer an introduction to ceramics. Students will learn both the history of clay, as well as contemporary artists working in clay. We will gain knowledge of clay through research, conversations, and a studio exploration of both functional and sculptural clay art works.

Course Content Includes...

- Develop drawing skills for final clay projects
- Learn about ceramics, both in the historical and contemporary context
- Development of clay skills and techniques including hand building & potters wheel
- Knowledge of glazes & application
- Career opportunities

Expectations:

- Show up to class **on time** and prepared. After 3 unexcused tardies, a referral will be made.
- Due to frequent teacher demonstrations, good attendance is essential to success in this class!
- Cell phones must be turned off and away.
- Complete assignments by given deadlines
- Maintain a positive and creative working environment.
- Respect each other's hard work- Please do not touch or handle others' work if unnecessary.
- No food or drinks in the classroom. Water is allowed.
- Do not touch the kiln unless instructed to do so.
- Do not sit on or touch the potter's wheel unless instructed to do so.
- Sign all work (finished and unfinished)!

Important Dates:

1st Quarter ends 11/8

2nd Quarter ends 1/24

3rd Quarter ends 4/4

4th Quarter ends 6/25

Required Materials:

- Pencil & eraser
- Binder or folder to hold any worksheets, handouts or drawings

Please feel free to donate if you can...

- Plastic bags (for project storage)
- Unscented Lotion (clay dries out the hands)
- Soap

Grading:

You will receive grades from every assignment we do. Your **FINAL GRADE** will be based on an average of all four marking period grades.

Studio Art Projects: 60%

You are required to complete each clay project. Project grades are based on EFFORT just as much as they are based on CREATIVITY, CRAFTSMANSHIP, and PRESENTATION. For each project there is an attached rubric which describes how each individual project will be evaluated.

Larger Assignments including Quizzes/Sketchbook/Research/Homework Assignments: 30%

Your understanding of ceramics vocabulary and techniques may be tested in the form of a quiz that may include written questions as well as drawing exercises. Students will also be required to keep a folder in class for: taking notes, researching your ideas/artists/ceramic history, completing sketches, observational drawing activities, homework assignments, and in-classroom exercises. Neatness, effort and completion of all assignments will be reflected in your grade.

Smaller Assignments including Homework/Sketchbook/Classroom Participation :10%

Students will be required to participate in daily clean up of their work spaces and a once a week larger clean up task to maintain studio cleanliness. Smaller assignments that require less time including sketchbook assignments and homework assignments may be assigned under this category as well.

Please see me if you have a long absence or an emergency comes up.

Cell Phone Policy:

The district is implementing a new cell phone policy this year. If you receive a referral for Cell Phone/ Electronic Device Violation, your phone can be taken/stored in a school-provided pouch for the duration of the school day.

Please note that this syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the course instructor. Please contact me personally if there are issues/concerns at all. I will do everything possible to accommodate participation in this class.

Best method of communication is my email:

lindsay.wasserman@wcsdny.org

Please review this with your parents/guardians. It is important for them to know and understand what type of work you will be doing this year and what is expected of you. Thank you and I'm looking forward to this year!

Keep the syllabus for your own reference. Only this page should be returned.

Due back by Friday, 9/13!!

Student Accountability Contract: I have read the syllabus and I fully understand what is expected of me, and I intend to do my best to fulfill my responsibilities as outlined in the syllabus.

Student Name (print) _____

Period: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Contract of Support: I have read my student's syllabus. I will support my student in fulfilling the requirements and expectations expressed in the document.

Parent/Guardian name (print): _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____