Blackhawk School District

CURRICULUM

Course Title:Advanced CeramicsCourse Number:0914 or 0924Grade Level(s):9-12 GradeLength of Period:42 minutesLength of Course:1 SemesterFaculty Author(s):Ashley BiegaDate:2009-10/ May -09

In preparing students for a global economy, visual arts education is a vital component to the Blackhawk community. Visual arts foster the development of critical thinking in problem solving, cultural understanding and awareness, and creative experiences and expression for the purpose of cultivating a lifelong appreciation of the arts.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Advanced Ceramics students will be involved in an in-depth exploration of the ceramic process. Students will create both functional and decorative pieces of work using various techniques of construction including hand-building, coil, slab, drape, mold, sculpture, and wheel-thrown. Decorative glazing and decoration will be highly emphasized and students will engage in experimental and creative exploration of various processes. Finally, students will also be responsible for recycling clay, creating glazes, and participation in loading and unloading the studio kiln.

The following outline provides a general overview of the course content, not a chronological timetable. The weeks denoted for each area provide an idea for the overall time spent working with a given topic throughout the school year.

COURSE OUTLINE & PROPOSED TIME	OBJECTIVES (PA standard)	RESOURCES	LESSON REFLECTION (for future revisions)
 I. Pinch Pots Organic Shapes Elements of Clay Stages of Dryness Joining of Forms Suggested Art: Non- Objective Art (10 – 13 Days) 	 9.1.8 A Know and use the elements and principles of each art form to create works in the arts and humanities including elements of color, form/shape, line, space, texture, value and principles of balance, contrast, emphasis/focal point, movement/scale, repetition, unity/harmony. 9.1.8 B Recognize, know, use and demonstrate a variety of appropriate arts elements and principles to produce, review, and revise original works in the arts including visual arts of paint, draw, craft, sculpt, design for environment, communication, multi-media 	Clay Kiln Tools Water Bags Boards Stains Brushes Sinks Potters Wheel Glazes Underglazes	
 II. Jewelry Form Texture Balance Design Glass Suggested Art: Egyptian Art (13 – 15 Days) 	 9.1.8 D Demonstrate knowledge of at least two styles within each art form through exhibition of unique works (formal and informal) 9.1.8 E Communicate a unifying theme or point of view through the production of art 9.1.8 F Explain works of art through exhibition of students' work based on a study of an artist 	Rope Glass Wire Book: "Make it in Clay" Internet DVD Player VCR	
 III. Sculptural Forms Human Figure Suggested Art: Classic Greek Statues (13 – 15 Days) 	 9.1.8.C Identify and use comprehensive vocabulary in visual art 9.1.8 G Explain the benefits of practicing 9.1.8 J Incorporate specific uses of traditional (i.e. paint, tools, sponges, etc) and contemporary (computers, internet, kiln, etc) technologies within the design for producing and exhibiting works in the arts or the works of others 		
 IV. Molds Slip – Cast Pottery Mold Making Suggested Art: Home Laughlin China (5 – 8 Days) 	 9.1 K / 9.2 A Explain the historical, cultural and social context of an individual work in the arts. 9.1.12 H Incorporate the effective and safe use of materials, equipment and tools into the production of works in visual arts at work and in performance spaces. 		

9.1.8 I Know where art events occur when applicable and how to gain admission V. Raku 9.2 B and C Relate works in the arts (such as styles and genre)	
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Reducation to historical events or time periods, when applicable	
Oxidation	
Wabi Sabi9.2 D / E Analyze a work of art and its impact from its historical	
Suggested Art: Japanese and cultural perspective, when applicable	
Tea Bowls	
• (10 – 13 Days) 9.2 F Know and apply appropriate vocabulary used between art	
and the other curricular areas.	
9.2 G Relate works in the arts to geographic regions	
VI. Potter's Wheel	
Form / Function 9.2 H Identify describe and analyze the work of Pennsylvania	
Handles artists.	
Centering	
Cylinder 9.2 I Identify, explain and analyze philosophical beliefs as they	
Jar relate to works in art	
Vase	
Bowl 9.2 J / K Identify, explain, and/or analyze historical and cultural	
Plate differences and traditions	
Lid	
* (21-35 Days) 9.4.5 D Recognize and/or explain that choices made by an artist	
regarding subject matter and themes communicate ideas through	
works of art	
9.4.8 A Compare and contrast examples of group or individual	
philosophical meanings or a work of art	
9.4.8 B Compare and contrast informed individual opinions	
about the meaning of works of art	
9.3 A –G Identify and/or analyze art work using the critical	
process of examination (i.e. compare and contrast, analyze,	
interpret, evaluate and form judgments) including:	
Characteristics, Themes, Forms, Techniques, and Style	
Appropriate vocabulary	
• Critical analysis (contextual, formal, and intuitive)	