



Glassboro Public Schools
Office of Curriculum and Instruction

Instructional Unit Map			
Course Title: Ceramics			
Teacher	Shane Davis	Start Date	September
Unit Title	<u>Handbuilding- Pinch</u>	Length of Unit	2-3 Projects
Essential Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How has ceramics evolved over time, and how does it continue to play a role in contemporary life?2. What can we learn about different cultures by studying their ceramic traditions?3. What are the essential safety procedures when working with clay and ceramic tools?4. What are the properties of clay, and how do they influence how we work with it?5. How can pinching techniques be used to create functional and sculptural ceramic forms?		
Summative Assessments	<p>Primary Summative Assessments:</p> <p>Midpoint Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Objective: Students will participate in an individual review with the instructor. They will present their sketchbooks as well as all relevant studies and completed works of art.• Evaluation: A rubric will be used to grade students based on the following: Creating, Presenting, Responding, Connecting. <p>Final Ceramics Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Objective: Students will create a final ceramic piece incorporating the tools and techniques practiced during the Unit. Students will be expected to apply an understanding of the Elements of Art and Principles of Designs discussed.• Evaluation: A rubric will be used to grade students based on the following: Creating, Presenting, Responding, Connecting. <p>Portfolio Submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Objective: Students will compile a portfolio of their work from the unit, including practice exercises, studies, and completed projects, showing effort, growth, and skill development.• Evaluation: A rubric will be used to grade students based on the following: Creating, Presenting, Responding, Connecting.		

Formative Assessment	<p>Daily Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be evaluated daily on their effort, participation, and engagement with the material. <p>Sketchbook Checks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective: Evaluate students' sketchbooks for ongoing engagement with drawing exercises, experimentation with materials, and application of techniques and concepts. Evaluation: Score based on effort, creativity, and completion of assigned tasks. <p>Written Artist Statements and Reflections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective: Students will write artist statements or complete reflections after completing selected artworks or projects. Evaluation: Assess for depth of understanding, clarity of expression, and connection to the lesson objectives. <p>Class Critiques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objective: Students will participate in a peer critique, providing constructive feedback and reflecting on their own work. Evaluation: Grade based on active participation, thoughtful commentary, and ability to articulate an understanding of artistic principles.
Core Instructional Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mattison, Steve. The Complete Potter. New York, Watson-Guption Publications, 2003. Bruce, Susan. The Art of Handbuilt Ceramics: Contemporary Techniques, Projects, and Inspiration. Philadelphia, Running Press, 2007. Hooson, David, and Louisa Taylor Quinn. The Workshop Guide to Ceramics: A Fully Illustrated Step-by-Step Manual. London, Thames & Hudson, 2012. Peterson, Susan, and Jan Peterson. Working with Clay: A Beginner's Guide. 3rd ed., Upper Saddle River, Prentice Hall, 2003.
Core Supplemental Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sketchbooks White Earthenware Clay Red Earthenware Clay Clay Boards Clay Sculpting Tools Underglaze Glaze Watercolor Palettes Brushes
Pre-requisite Skills	<p>Pre-requisite Course: Studio Art I</p> <p>Potential Student Hurdles</p>

	<p>Limited Prior Knowledge of Art Concepts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some students may not have been exposed to the elements of art or principles of design. Hurdle: Difficulty grasping foundational art vocabulary and applying these concepts. <p>Lack of Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students may have varying levels of experience and confidence with ceramics. Hurdle: Inexperienced students might feel intimidated or frustrated when compared to peers with more advanced skills. <p>Limited Fine Motor Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some students may struggle with hand control or precision, which can affect their ability to manipulate, pinch, carve, and sculpt with clay. Hurdle: Difficulty executing techniques like pinching, coiling, slipping and scoring. <p>Fixed Mindsets About Talent vs. Skill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students may believe that artistic ability is an innate talent rather than a skill that can be developed with practice. Hurdle: Hesitation to engage fully in exercises or fear of failure. <p>Time Management and Focus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some students may struggle to pace themselves, rushing through projects or becoming overwhelmed by detailed assignments. Hurdle: Difficulty balancing quality with productivity and staying engaged throughout the process. <p>Accessibility and Learning Differences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students with learning differences or visual impairments may require modified instructions, tools, or additional support. Hurdle: Challenges to understanding instructions or performing tasks without accommodation. <p>Lack of Interest or Motivation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students taking this course as a requirement may not feel personally invested in the subject. Hurdle: Apathy toward assignments and reluctance to put in effort. <p>Strategies to Address Hurdles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide explicit instruction on art concepts with visuals and examples. Incorporate differentiated tasks to accommodate various skill levels. Emphasize process over product to build confidence. Offer scaffolding and practice exercises to develop fine motor skills. Create a supportive classroom environment that celebrates effort and growth. Include engaging activities and connect lessons to students' interests to increase motivation. 	
Assessment and Instructional Scaffolds	English Language Learners	Special Education Students (Students with IEPs and 504s)
	<u>Visual Aids and Demonstrations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use step-by-step visuals, diagrams, and live demonstrations for all instructions. 	<u>Chunked Instructions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Break tasks into smaller, manageable steps. Provide a checklist for multi-step assignments

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Label visuals with vocabulary terms. <p><u>Simplified Language and Sentence Frames</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide instructions in simple, concise language. • Offer sentence starters for critiques. <p><u>Bilingual Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply bilingual glossaries for art terminology or use translation apps for key concepts. <p><u>Peer Support and Group Work</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pair ELLs with supportive peers for collaboration and explanation. <p><u>Assessments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow responses to written reflections or critiques in their native language if needed. • Assess based on demonstration of concepts rather than language proficiency. 	<p><u>Adapted Tools</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer adaptive tools such as pencil grips or thicker markers for fine motor challenges. <p><u>Extended Time</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide additional time for projects and assessments. <p><u>Flexible Seating and Environment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow students to choose quieter spaces or sit near the teacher for extra support. <p><u>Frequent Check-Ins</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor progress regularly to ensure understanding and provide immediate feedback. <p><u>Modified Expectations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjust rubric criteria.
	Students at Risk of School Failure	Gifted and Talented Students
	<p><u>Guided Practice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin projects with structured warm-up exercises or partially completed templates. <p><u>Frequent Feedback</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide consistent, formative feedback to build confidence and guide improvement. <p><u>Access to Exemplars</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share examples of completed work at varying skill levels to model expectations. <p><u>Simplified Objectives</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on simpler goals and outcomes for each assignment. <p><u>Peer Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pair struggling learners with more confident peers during collaborative activities. 	<p><u>Open-Ended Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer optional extension tasks that allow for creative exploration, such as experimenting with mixed media or advanced techniques. <p><u>Independent Projects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage advanced students to propose their own projects related to the unit. <p><u>Leadership Opportunities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assign roles in group critiques or ask advanced learners to mentor peers. <p><u>Enrichment Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide additional resources, such as artist biographies, masterwork studies, or online tutorials for self-guided learning. <p><u>Higher-Order Thinking Prompts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenge them to analyze how professional artists develop work and apply similar techniques.
	Access (Resources and/or Process)	Expression (Products and/or Performance)

Differentiated Instructional Methods	<p><u>Visual Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide examples of professional and student artwork that illustrate the elements of art and principles of design. • Use charts, diagrams, and infographics to break down techniques step-by-step. • Create a visual vocabulary wall with labeled examples of key concepts. <p><u>Guided Practice</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer structured exercises. • Use teacher-led demonstrations to model processes. <p><u>Digital Tools</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide access to drawing tutorials, apps, or websites that offer step-by-step guides and interactive learning. • Use slide decks or instructional videos for students to revisit concepts at their own pace. <p><u>Flexible Grouping</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize small-group rotations where students work with peers, receive direct instruction, or explore independently. • Pair advanced learners with struggling learners for peer modeling. <p><u>Choice in Materials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow students to choose from a variety of materials based on their comfort and interest. <p><u>Multi-Sensory Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use hands-on activities to engage tactile and kinesthetic learners. 	<p><u>Visual Projects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students create final artworks that demonstrate mastery of techniques. • Sketchbooks are used to showcase practice, experimentation, and idea development. <p><u>Written Reflections</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assign artist statements explaining their choices and process in their final project. • Use journals for students to reflect on their growth, challenges, and successes. <p><u>Verbal Communication</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate peer critiques and discussions where students articulate their understanding of artistic concepts. • Use student presentations where they analyze and explain their work or a selected artist's use of elements and principles. <p><u>Collaborative Work</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group projects where students create a shared piece incorporating specific elements of art. • Team critiques where students evaluate each other's work using constructive feedback. <p><u>Digital Products</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students document and share their process digitally through photos or videos. • Advanced students may create digital portfolios showcasing their unit work. <p><u>Choice Boards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide multiple options for project types to allow students to select based on their strengths and interests.
Integration of Technology	<p>Instructional Tools and Resources:</p> <p><u>Online Tutorials and Demonstrations</u></p>	

- Resources: Platforms like YouTube or Art21 for technique tutorials.
- Purpose: Offer step-by-step guides and supplemental learning for struggling or advanced learners.

Interactive Presentations

- Tools: Google Slides, Canva, Kahoot, MagicSchool.
- Purpose: Present the information on the unit through presentations, videos, and interactive quizzes.

Virtual Museum Tours

- Resources: Websites like Google Arts & Culture or individual museum sites (e.g., The Met, MoMA).
- Purpose: Inspire students by analyzing how professional artists develop and create work.

Assessment and Feedback

Digital Portfolios

- Tools: Google Sites, Artsonia.
- Purpose: Students document and submit their sketches, practice exercises, and final projects digitally for teacher and peer feedback.

Collaborative Critiques

- Tools: Google Docs, Schoology.
- Purpose: Facilitate virtual critiques where students upload images of their work and provide feedback through comments or sticky notes.

Rubric and Feedback Management

- Tools: Schoology, Google Classroom
- Purpose: Use rubrics to assess work digitally and provide individualized feedback.

Documentation and Sharing

Time-Lapse Recordings

- Tools: Built-in tablet or smartphone time-lapse cameras.
- Purpose: Encourage students to record their process, reflecting on how their work develops over time.

Classroom Blog

- Tools: Google Sites, Artsonia.
- Purpose: Share student work with peers, families, and the school community.

QR Code Integration

- Tools: QR code generators.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose: Students attach QR codes to their final pieces, linking to process videos or artist statements.
Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills	<p><u>Creativity and Innovation</u> 9.4.12.CI.1: Demonstrate the ability to reflect, analyze, and use creative skills and ideas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Idea: With a growth mindset, failure is an important part of success. <p>9.4.12.CI.2: Identify career pathways that highlight personal talents, skills, and abilities. 9.4.12.CI.3: Investigate new challenges and opportunities for personal growth, advancement, and transition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Idea: Innovative ideas or innovation can lead to career opportunities. <p><u>Critical Thinking and Problem-solving</u> 9.4.12.CT.1: Identify problem-solving strategies used in the development of an innovative product or practice. 9.4.12.CT.2: Explain the potential benefits of collaborating to enhance critical thinking and problem solving.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Idea: Collaboration with individuals with diverse experiences can aid in the problem-solving process, particularly for global issues where diverse solutions are needed. <p><u>Digital Citizenship</u> 9.4.12.DC.6: Select information to post online that positively impacts personal image and future college and career opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Idea: Cultivating online reputations for employers and academia requires separating private and professional digital identities. <p><u>Technology Literacy</u> 9.4.12.TL.3: Analyze the effectiveness of the process and quality of collaborative environments. 9.4.12.TL.4: Collaborate in online learning communities or social networks or virtual worlds to analyze and propose a resolution to a real-world problem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Idea: Collaborative digital tools can be used to access, record and share different viewpoints and to collect and tabulate the views of groups of people.
Interdisciplinary Connections	<p>Comprehensive Health and Physical Education 2.3 Safety by the End of Grade 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2.3.12.PS.1: Apply a thoughtful decision-making process to evaluate situations and influences that could lead to healthy or unhealthy consequences (e.g., peers, media).

Instructional Pacing Guide			
Activity Title	NJSLS	Learning Objectives	Student Activities

<p>Ceramics Introduction</p> <p>Clay Safety</p> <p>Handling Procedures</p> <p>History of Ceramics</p> <p>Basic Techniques- Pinching, Slipping and Scoring</p>	<p>1.5.12prof.Cr2b: Explain how traditional and non-traditional materials may impact human health and the environment, and demonstrate safe handling of materials, tools and equipment.</p> <p>1.5.12acc.Pr4a: Analyze, select and critique personal artwork for a collection or portfolio presentation.</p> <p>1.5.12adv.Cn10a: Synthesize knowledge of social, cultural, historical, and personal life with artmaking approaches to create meaningful works of art or design.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will demonstrate proper safety procedures when working with clay, tools, and the studio environment. • Students will understand and explain the properties of clay and how they influence the ceramic process. • Students will describe and apply studio procedures for clay use, cleanup, and reclaiming. • Students will summarize key developments in the history of ceramics from ancient to contemporary times. • Students will analyze how the art of ceramics reflects cultural traditions and influences daily life in different societies. 	<p>Create</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clay Exploration Activity – Students will manipulate raw clay to explore its properties (plasticity, texture, moisture). • Pinching Technique Practice – Students will create small pinch forms, focusing on even thickness and structural integrity. • Slip and Score Demonstration – Hands-on activity attaching clay pieces using proper techniques. <p>Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studio Demonstration Walkthrough – Students will demonstrate proper studio safety and cleanup procedures. <p>Respond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ceramics in Daily Life Discussion – Students will analyze how ceramic objects are used in their own homes and communities. <p>Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ceramic Timeline Activity – Students will research and place major developments in ceramics history on a class timeline.
<p>Pinching</p> <p>Nesting Bowls</p> <p>Carving Techniques</p> <p>Glazing Techniques</p>	<p>1.5.12prof.Cr1a: Use multiple approaches to begin creative endeavors.</p> <p>1.5.12prof.Pr4a: Analyze, select and curate artifacts and/or artworks for presentation and preservation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will demonstrate proficiency in the pinching technique by creating a set of nesting bowls with even thickness and structural integrity. • Students will apply carving techniques to add texture, patterns, and designs to their ceramic forms. 	<p>Create</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will create a set of nesting bowls using the pinching technique, ensuring consistent form and thickness. • Students will practice various carving techniques on test tiles before applying designs to their final bowls.

	<p>1.5.12adv.Re7a: Analyze how responses to art develop over time based on knowledge of and experience with art and life.</p> <p>1.5.12prof.Cn11b: Describe how knowledge of global issues, including climate change, may influence personal responses to art.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will understand and implement the glazing process, including glaze application methods, layering techniques, and firing considerations. Students will analyze historical and contemporary ceramic works that utilize pinching, carving, and glazing techniques. Students will evaluate craftsmanship, form, and surface design in their own work and the work of others through critiques. 	<p>Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will document their process (pinching, carving, glazing) through photographs and create a digital portfolio entry. <p>Respond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will participate in a peer critique, assessing craftsmanship, surface treatment, and form in each other's work. <p>Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will reflect on how handmade ceramic objects connect to cultural traditions and daily life across different societies.
<p>Pinching</p> <p>Double Pinch Pot</p> <p>Sprigging</p>	<p>1.5.12adv.Cr2c: Demonstrate in works of art or design how visual and material culture defines, shapes, enhances, inhibits, and/or empowers people's lives.</p> <p>1.5.12adv.Pr6a: Curate a collection of objects, artifacts or artwork to impact the viewer's understanding of social, cultural and/or political experiences.</p> <p>1.5.12acc.Cn10a: Utilize inquiry methods of observation, research and experimentation to explore other subjects through artmaking.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate the ability to create a hollow form using two pinch pots. Apply sprigging techniques to add decorative or functional details to their ceramics. Safely use ceramic tools and handle clay according to the proper safety procedures. Investigate cultural traditions surrounding ceramics, with a focus on Halloween and other seasonal celebrations, to inspire their designs. 	<p>Create</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will begin by creating two separate pinch pots and learn to join them to form a hollow vessel. They will refine the edges and shape to create a seamless form. Students will create small clay details (such as eyes, nose, mouth for jack-o-lanterns or other festive designs) separately and attach them to their pinch pots using sprigging techniques. <p>Present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will present their finished pieces in a gallery-style setup. They will discuss their creative process, how they used pinching and sprigging, and the cultural inspiration behind their designs.

			<p>Respond</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After completing their projects, students will write a reflection on the challenges they faced, the cultural connections they explored, and the techniques they learned. <p>Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students will discuss how different cultures, including Halloween traditions, use ceramics for both functional and decorative purposes.• Students will research and share examples from various cultures.