

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CERAMICS I

2006-2007

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Ceramics I concentrates on study of three-dimensional materials and concepts including basic techniques of hand-building, throwing and glazing of clay. Pre-requisite: Successful completion of Art Foundations. Materials fee.

COURSE RATIONALE

The study of Ceramics I is designed to engage students in higher level thinking skills through creative problem solving and personal expressions in order to gain knowledge in the humanities, to become appreciative of aesthetics and to become critical thinkers.

MAJOR INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

- 1. Students will work through sequential stages and processes to exhibit technical skills and craftsmanship in ceramic works.**
 - a. Students will use needle tools, ribs, footing instruments and carving tools to create and design three-dimensional objects. (2.5; FA1)
 - b. Students will demonstrate effective construction of three-dimensional designs using traditional hand building techniques of slab, coil and pinch methods. (2.5; FA1)
 - c. Students will use glazing and firing techniques in completion of projects. (2.5; FA1)
- 2. Students will exhibit use and understanding of the art vocabulary.**
 - a. Students will use appropriate art vocabulary according to the various stages and sequences of creative work. (1.9; FA3)
- 3. Students will explore functional art.**
 - a. Students will design, construct and fire a functional hand built ceramic vessel. (2.5; FA1)
 - b. Students will design, construct and fire a functional wheel thrown ceramic vessel. (2.5; FA1)