

Weekly Creative Process & Production Grade Rubric – Ceramics Classes, all levels

Be Self & Socially-Aware, Self-Manage, Use Responsible Decision-Making

You will be given a weekly creative production grade based on your daily production/work ethic in class. Self-disciplined effort, time-managed production, and persistence are important components for success in the art classroom.

Why is this important? Because this class is less structured than a typical academic class and has more hands-on time with materials that can be potentially dangerous or expensive, it is very important that we stay focused on what we are doing. Additionally, our projects can be very long term, lasting multiple weeks, wherein you are expected to make progress every day in class and your final major grade hinges on that progress. If you are engaging in distracting activities instead of your art work, you will not only distract others but you will not finish your artwork, thus resulting in failing major grades. Truly, I grade your production in class so that you and I both know how you are doing before a major grade is taken.

Here's how it works:

- 1) All students will start out with 100% for their weekly class production grade. Being present in class (sickness/health issues notwithstanding) with a strong work ethic, a positive attitude, and working to capacity on the given assignment every day of the week is expected.
- 2) Students are allotted 20 points per day and lose points in 5-point increments. Each instance of non-production can result in a 5-point deduction. In essence, you have only 4 chances to be off-task in a given class period. Example: Student does homework instead of working on their art on Monday and then spends lots of time out of their seat talking with friends on Wednesday = 10 point deduction.
- 3) You are also expected to practice responsible decision-making and self-awareness in the art room. The following behaviors may affect your daily production, the quality of your artwork, and your ability to meet deadlines.

As you can see, losing a few points here and there can add up quickly to have a major impact. Participation is 20% of your total grade.

Points will be deducted from your weekly 100% if the teacher observes and/or makes a statement to you about any of the following:

- **Excessive Talking** (talking that exceeds the amount of work you are doing or impedes your ability to work). If you are more focused on talking than working, production is not taking place.
- **Cell phone use in class** (outside of listening to music, using Pinterest or a photo to help in your work). Your phone can be a major distraction; if so, production isn't happening. Use devices responsibly.
- **Out of seat, wandering around.** If you aren't at your designated work area, you aren't getting your work done. You may also be distracting someone else.
- **Not working, wasting time.** In general, just slacking off or being lazy doesn't help get a project finished. Production isn't happening.
- **Working on a non-related art activity without permission.** Your focus in Ceramics should be your creative process and production of your artwork.
- **Eating in class without permission.** No production is taking place if you are focused on eating. Additionally, getting food particles in clay can cause major mold issues, which can be a health risk, and it's just gross.
- **Not cleaning up.** Part of your process is proper care for your project, your tools, and your space. Proper care for your piece ensures that the clay remains workable so production can continue; proper care for tools ensures that they are available to all students to enable continued production. Since I will have to clean up after you, you will also get an Epic Fail (see syllabus for details).

- **Refusal to work.** Barring an extraordinary circumstance, this means zero production is taking place. You will get a 0 for that day.
- **Your “job” in my class is to stay focused on your creative process and stay actively engaged in the various stages of artistic production. Anything that impacts your ability to do these things can affect your weekly process & production grade.**

Reminders:

- Negative attitudes and being disrespectful to your peers or teacher through your use of words or actions are unacceptable and disciplinary action will be implemented for correction.
- The destruction and blatant misuse of art and reference materials and/or taking art materials or reference materials out of the art room without permission is unacceptable. Disciplinary action will be enforced.
- Handling or damaging anyone’s work other than your own will result in a variety of disciplinary actions. Continued behavior of this kind will result in your permanent removal from the class.