

CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Course of Study
Recommendation for
Adoption

Course: **Ceramics 4**

Date: September 2026

Student Level: Advanced

Grade Level: 11 & 12

Characterization of Course of Study:

Ceramics 4 offers advanced students in grades 11-12 the opportunity to refine their ceramic techniques and strengthen their artistic voice through complex, self-directed projects. Building on skills from Ceramics 1-3, students will engage in advanced wheel-throwing, sculptural design, and experimental forms.

Students will develop a unique portfolio of functional and non-functional works that explore contemporary and historical influences. An emphasis is placed on pushing boundaries in surface treatments, glaze layering, and mixed media. Through critiques, students will articulate their creative processes, explore aesthetic decision-making, and respond to feedback.

Prerequisite: Ceramics 3, B or better, or teacher recommendation.

Reasons for Proposed Adoption:

Ceramics 4 is recommended for adoption to provide advanced students with a rigorous continuation of the ceramic's pathway. The course supports independent studio practice, advanced craftsmanship, portfolio development, and personal artistic voice while aligning with CBSD curriculum goals and both PA Visual Arts standards and National Visual Arts Standards.

All CBSD art writing teams consider the following while writing curriculum:

1. *All COS will be converted from the 4 strands of DBAE to Common Units of study with standards embedded*
 2. Discipline-Based Art Education: (Production, Criticism, Aesthetics, History)
 3. Crosswalk to National Visual Arts Standards (Creating, Presenting, Responding, Connecting)
 4. Pacing guides that reflect the Creative Process Continuum
 5. Updated Technology, Terminology, Suggested Artists, and Vocabulary
 6. Updated Learning Principles
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Principals

(Date of Approval)

Curriculum Committee

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The Board of School Directors

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