



BLUE VALLEY DISTRICT CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
Visual Arts | High School/Ceramics I



ORGANIZING THEME/TOPIC	FOCUS STANDARDS & SKILLS
<p>UNIT 1: Hand Building</p> <p>Suggested projects: rock, rattles, triple pinch pot vases with added foot, coil vessel, teapot, slab bowl with foot added on wheel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use the following hand building construction techniques and processes<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ score, slip, blend when using additive process○ wedging and kneading clay to rework it and remove air○ use pinch, coil and slab techniques to create well balanced pieces• Learn about the stages of clay and clay properties
<p>UNIT 2: Wheel Throwing</p> <p>Suggested projects: adding foot to hand thrown texture slab, cylinder, teabowl, mug</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate knowledge of these wheel throwing techniques<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ centering○ opening○ pulling wall○ trimming
<p>UNIT 3: Surface Treatments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore pre-bisque surface decoration techniques<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ stamping○ sgraffito○ mishima• Explore post-bisque glaze application techniques<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ spray○ pour○ sponge○ brush



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UNIT 1: Progressive Hand Building Suggested projects: teapots, cookie jars, shoes, large textural vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss functional versus sculptural forms• Combine multiple hand building techniques (pinch, coil, slab or extruded pieces)• Explore different clay bodies and benefits and advantages of each
UNIT 2: Advanced Wheel Throwing Suggested projects: series or set of thrown vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create multiple wheel thrown pieces focusing on<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ even walls○ finished rim○ balanced proportions○ smooth foot
UNIT 3: Continue Exploring Surface Treatments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to explore pre-bisque surface techniques<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ applique, sgraffito, mishima• Demonstrate post-bisque treatments such as<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ resists, washes, stains, and glazing• Research glaze recipes and mix your own glaze
UNIT 4: Combination Project Suggested projects: teapots, cookie jars, shoes, large textural vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combine various hand building and wheel throwing techniques to create one cohesive piece.