

# 7th Grade Accelerated Ceramics

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**CONGRATULATIONS** on being  
**recommended**  
**for accelerated ceramics!**

It is because of your hard work, talent and skill level that you exhibited from last year's ceramics class that you were recognized for the accelerated ceramics class this year.

## What's different about accelerated ceramics?

In last year's class, you were introduced to basic ceramic terms and projects. You became familiar with the properties of clay, and how the kiln works. Accelerated ceramics is a full year course taken during your lunch period, every other day. Therefore, **it is important that you realize that you are taking a class during your lunch period.** You will be given 10-15 minutes at the beginning of each class period to eat your lunch, and then we will begin class. You will be given time to eat your lunch; however, you are still responsible for completing your assignments on schedule.

Additionally, the accelerated art program at PKMS is designed so that **after 2 years you receive one high school art credit.** Please be aware that your overall grade MUST be an 85 or higher to stay enrolled in this course.

### Some important information to keep in mind

- This is an advanced course that only offers 15 seats so it is a privilege to be here. You do not need to be in the course if you do not want to, or if your behavior in the course chooses to remove you.
- Clay can be difficult to work with at times. Based on the school schedule and break schedule, it is extremely important that you use your time wisely in the course in order to make sure all assignments are up to date. If you are absent, you are still responsible for making sure your clay project is on schedule (I cannot spray every single clay project in the school...know your work and what needs to be done).
- Because this is an advanced class, you will be given advanced work in order to challenge yourself. While each assignment will have specific requirements, **be creative** and don't be afraid to add your own personal and unique touch to it... *this is your art, have fun!*

# Responsibilities

After completing the 7th and 8th grade Accelerated Ceramics program, you will be given a high school credit.

**What is a credit?** In High School you receive credits for completing a course. Everyone will need to complete a specific number of credits in each subject in order to graduate high school. *You will be getting a head start!!*

Since you will be getting a high school credit, this course will be run at a high school level and you will be responsible, but not limited to, the following expectations:

- Getting to class on time
  - Getting your lunch
  - Starting your work as soon as you are done eating
  - Keeping your folder organized
  - Getting your own project out of the cabinet and putting it away
  - Wrapping up your own project!
  - Getting supplies out and putting them away
  - Cleaning up after yourself
  - Completing your projects to the best of your ability and handing them in on time
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## Why did you choose me for Accelerated Ceramics?

Out of the ENTIRE 6th grade, YOU stood out!

You are all here because I see a lot of potential in you! You have a natural ability with clay, you are creative and you are respectful and responsible students.

Remember to stay confident throughout this course. Projects may be difficult but you are all here because I know you can rise to the challenge! =)