

Ceramic Studio Safety Rules

We are lucky to have a studio designated for clay! You share this room with 150+ students, so mutual respect for others and this room is essential.

The following rules are in place to ensure everyone has the opportunity to learn and work. Violation of these rules may cause the loss of privileges or disciplinary action.

1. You are expected to work the full length of the class period until clean up is announced. If you finish your work for the day, see Ms. J.
2. Always clean up your work area at the end of every class/work period. Equipment and tools used are to be cleaned and returned to where they came from. Wash your hands thoroughly.
3. **Dress appropriately for clay work.** You will get dirty. Clay produces dust.
4. You are responsible for taking care of your clay. This means storing it in a plastic bag, labeling your work, wedging your clay, and help recycle clay for the entire class.
5. **No clay throwing!** You will be asked to leave class and given a referral.
6. Rules regarding phones/electronic devices also apply in the ceramic studio. Your hands will be covered in clay and clay can ruin your phone/device.
7. **Do not eat or drink in the ceramic studio,** due to the possible integration of dust.
8. Do not run or horseplay in the studio or patio. It's just not safe!
9. Ceramic tools/equipment do not leave the classroom.
10. **All accidents should be reported immediately to Ms. J!**

About clay dust:

Clay has teeny-tiny silica (glass) particles in it. When clay dries and turns to dust, we inhale these particles, which is extremely dangerous. To avoid making and breathing in clay dust:

- Pick up scraps and clay that falls on the floor. Crushed clay turns to dust.
- Clean up clay/water spills.
- Clean up with a wet sponge. **Do not sweep!**