Advanced Ceramics/Sculpture		
UNIT/ Weeks	Timeline/Topics	Essential Questions
1	Kiln Use      History of the Kiln     Types of Kilns     The Workings of an electric Kiln     Loading and Unloading the Kiln	<ul> <li>What happens in a kiln firing?</li> <li>How has technology affected the way we fire ceramics in today's society as opposed to the past?</li> <li>How does an electric kiln differ from an outdoor kiln?</li> </ul>
6	Technique Collaboration	How does the application of different techniques affect the final product?
5	<ul> <li>Wheel Throwing</li> <li>History of the Potter's Wheel</li> <li>Centering and Coning</li> <li>Opening Up and Pulling the Sides Up</li> <li>Trimming</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>How has the potter's wheel changed with the advancements in technology and how has it altered the creation of pottery today?</li> <li>Why is the step of centering the clay integral in the throwing process?</li> </ul>
3	Decorative Techniques	<ul> <li>How can decorative techniques enhance or change the look of a ceramic work of art?</li> </ul>
6	Functional Ceramics     History of Functional Ceramics     Contemporary Ceramics     The Many Uses of Ceramics in Today's Society	<ul> <li>How has ceramics played a role in the progress of mankind?</li> <li>How has contemporary ceramics impacted the art world?</li> <li>What role does ceramics play in society today?</li> </ul>
6	Clay Sculpture  Review of Techniques in Handbuilding  Review of Techniques on the Wheel  Review of Decorative Techniques  •	<ul> <li>What are the basic techniques in handbuilding with clay?</li> <li>Why are the basic techniques important for the creation of Advanced Ceramic projects?</li> <li>How can the potter's wheel be used to support the advancement of ceramic ware being celebrated as a true art form?</li> <li>How can combining techniques enhance the construction of Advanced works?</li> </ul>
9	Introduction to Sculpture in Other Mediums  • Elements of 3D Design: Space, Line, Plane, Mass/Volume, Shape (Positive/Negative), Value, Texture, Color	<ul> <li>How can I use the Elements of 3D Art and Principles of 3D Design to create a sculpture?</li> <li>Why do artists use a particular technique and medium to create sculpture?</li> </ul>

- Principles of 3D Design: Harmony, Contrast/Variety, Emphasis, Continuity, Balance (Symmetrical/Asymmetrical), Proportion
- Mediums for sculpture: Paper, cardboard, wire, plaster, clay, metal, fabric, stone, sand, wax, wood, recycled materials, trash, food, mixed media...
- Sculptural Art History and art criticism of Sculpture

- Why should you use materials responsibly?
- What are the safe and responsible uses of sculpture mediums?
- How do artists use sculpture to express their ideas?