The Commercial Glaze Policy is written in the best interest of the mission of the organization and aimed at preserving the resources of our community. To avoid kiln accidents, Iowa Ceramics Center & Glass Studio (ICCGS) reserves the right to restrict use of any outside glazes in our studio at any time.

This policy outlines the rules and regulations for using commercially produced glazes within the ICCGS- including proper labels, safety, and precautions- all aimed at ensuring the quality of finished pieces.

NO commercial/outside glazes permitted in ICCGS kilns without prior approval.
NO commercial clays purchased outside of ICCGS permitted.

Commercial glazes must go through the following vetting process before being used:

- **Only** look for glazes with the ability to be fired within our firing temperatures:
  - **Low Fire Glaze to Cone 03** (1987 degrees) in our Electric Kilns.- most commercial glazes are 05-04 (1886-1940 degrees)
  - **Mid-range Cone 6** (2232 degrees) in our Electric Kilns
  - Not sure? Email or schedule a meeting with Lilly or Lead Resident
- **SAVE YOUR RECEIPT!** ICCGS reserves the right to prohibit use of any outside glazes at any time, and will prohibit use of commercial glazes prior to testing based on the manufacturer, product information, or supplier.

Any glazes outside of our firing temp/ranges or deemed unsafe will not be approved for use.

- **MAKE COOKIES!** All commercial glaze test tiles must have a cookie or drip tray! Tiles will not be fired without it!

PRE-TESTING PROCEDURE:

1. **Email list of glazes to** info@iowaceramicscenter.org for review. Staff (Lilly) or Lead resident will email you back with “Approved” or notes on unapproved glazes within one week of receiving your email.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS:

- **Test Tiles should:**
  - Be made from the same clay you make your work with.
  - Be a similar thickness and texture to your work.
  - Be at least 3” x 3” x 3” to test an adequate amount of glaze.
  - Must stand on its own and be placed in/on a cookie/catch tray.
  - Must have your name, initials, and glaze name/color on each tile

- ➢ All Test Tiles **must be fired on a cookie**. ICCGS cookies are not available for testing. You will be required to make your own. Cookies must have: at least ¾"-full 1" around the tile, a layer of kiln wash, be tagged with your name/initials, and bisqued prior to the glaze firing.
- ➢ **Pay Firing Fees**- measuring tiles in a group for the approved temperature, review your glaze testing ticket- testing tracker, place your testing and firing ticket with your tiles on the corresponding temperature cart.

APPROVAL PROCEDURE:

1. **SUBMIT FIRED TILES FOR FINAL REVIEW Email photo of test tiles to info@iowaceramicscenter.org**
    a. Submissions will be reviewed the following week. You will be contacted via email if approved.

List of Approved Commercial Products at ICCGS:

Velvet or LUG Underglaze Series by Amaco

Stroke & Coat by Mayco for use on bisque wear

Speedball Underglazes

List of Commercial Products Requiring Testing:

Celadon Series by Amaco
Satin Matte Series by Amaco
Amaco LG Series Glazes
Potter's Choice Series: HF by Amaco
**does not include PC-02 (Saturation Gold) or PC-4 (Palladium)*
Duncan Glazes
Coyote Glazes
Amaco Opalescent Glazes
Mayco Foundations Glazes
Mayco or Duncan Underglazes

Absolutely Not:

Spectrum Glazes- especially the Floating Glaze Archives series
Crystalline, Lava, Crawl, or Flux distinguished glazes from any brand.
Mayco Black Magma
Ritual Glazes- Puff, Mini Puff, Foam, Gloop, Suckerpunch, or Supergloop.
Amaco- PC-02 (Saturation Gold) or PC-4 (Palladium)
Any and all Luster products
Mayco Crawls