

BLUE VALLEY DISTRICT CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Family and Consumer Sciences (Grade 6) Exploring Foods from Farm to Table



ORGANIZING THEME/TOPIC

FOCUS STANDARDS & SKILLS

Projects for Junior Chefs	Basic Cooking Skills
	 Read, use, and interpret recipes.
Smart Snacks	Measure ingredients accurately
Breakfast for champions	Prepare simple foods
Lunch - fuel for energy and brain power	Innovation and Creativity
Design Project – student centered	Alter recipes
	Create menus
Theme: Junior Chefs in the Kitchen	FCS 8.1 Evaluate factors that affect food safety in the home and workplace, from
What do great chefs know and do well?	production through consumption.
Kitchen Safety	
Food Safety	Safety and sanitation practices
Tools and Equipment	 Identify common kitchen accidents and ways to prevent them.
Food Preparation	 Demonstrate safety and sanitation practices.
Measuring	Kitchen equipment & appliances
Cooking techniques	 Identify basic kitchen tools and their uses.
3	 Recognize and use proper measuring techniques.
Time Frame: 1 week and Integrated throughout projects	
Theme: Introduction to Farm to Table	Analyze how food and the food system affects health, the community, and the environment.
Where does my food come from and why does it matter?	 Explore the process food goes through from the farm to the table
 Sources of food 	Explore personal food preferences
 Fast food 	Consider criteria for making wise food choices
 Fresh and easy to prepare foods 	Explore fresh and easy to prepare foods
Time Frame: Integrated throughout projects	

Theme: Food Detective (Nutrition) What's in my food and why does it matter?	FCS 3.0 Demonstrate nutrition and wellness practices that enhance individual and family wellbeing.
 MyPlate food groups Essential Nutrients Food Labels Time Frame: 1 week and Integrated throughout projects	Nutrition and wellness practices Use MyPlate guidelines to determine healthy food choices. Identify essential nutrients, their functions and food sources. Identify and analyze nutritional information on a foods label.
Theme: Healthy Habits How can my choices and habits help me stay healthy and well? • Physical wellness • Emotional wellness • Social wellness • Environmental wellness Time frame: Integrated throughout projects	 FCS 3.0 Demonstrate nutrition and wellness practices that enhance individual and family wellbeing Describe components that contribute to overall health & wellness. Set goals for personal health and wellness. Participate in activities that can become part of a lifetime of healthy habits (exercise, brain breaks, recycling)

Instructional approach

- Immerse students in content so they see it, experience it, and use the vocabulary and skills of professionals in the field.
- Provide hands-on experiences, including at least one food preparation lab per week.
- Engage students through design thinking, problem-based or service learning related to the content