

Memo



To: Dr. Karla Guseman
From: Dianne McDonald
Date: May 19, 2026
Re: Course Revision-Foods

I respectfully recommend the course revision of Foods for the 2027-2028 school year. The year long, unweighted course would be revised to Culinary 1: Food Handler, a semester long unweighted course.

Revising the year-long Foods course into a semester-long Culinary 1: Food Handler is a strategic shift to increase student access and foundational consistency across multiple career pathways. By condensing the course into a single semester, students gain earlier exposure to essential skills, such as food safety and sanitation, which serves as a critical entry point for the "Recommended Sequence" in the newly structured Culinary pathway.

This modification also allows for a more flexible schedule, enabling students to more easily pair the introductory course with other semester-long electives or advanced pathway requirements. Ultimately, this change ensures that the curriculum is more efficient and aligned with modern industry standards and student analytics.

This course revision has been discussed and approved at the Curriculum Coordinating Council.

Thank you and please let me know if you have further questions.