

Culinary Challenge TEACHERS AND STUDENTS 6 Strategies for Success!

1. First, **check your school and personal calendars to identify any conflicts** you may have with the Culinary Challenge schedule and deadlines before you register. **Set up electronic deadline reminders** for yourself and your team.
2. **Connect with your incoming fall and spring semester students by email prior to the start of school** to share information about the event and generate enthusiasm; spring semester students are not prevented from being on a team even though they are not in your class until February. **A flyer, shown here, has been emailed to you and will be available to download at [Team Details and Documents](#).**
3. **Collaborate with STEM teachers at your school** to fill out your teams; STEM teachers are becoming interested in this event for its connection to food science. This is an avenue to educate your peers on the **value of FACS education** and a **unique, mutually beneficial, co-curricular instructional/enrichment opportunity**. Have your STEM colleagues share information with their new students the first week of school.
4. **Create a Google Signup for interested students** (have a deadline!); use that signup to invite them to an **Informational Meeting** the second week of school to share deadlines and expectations. **Ask them to commit to a team at that time** (or within the week). If you have more students interested than there are slots on a team (a maximum of 4) they can still be part of the prep team and attend the event for free.
5. **Task students with developing their own plan/schedule to meet objectives and deadlines** – there are 13 weeks between the registration deadline and due date for competition recipes – the earlier they start, the more time they have. **Putting students in charge of their progress helps them own the process**. Teams should consider electing a team lead(s) to oversee their plan and reinforce expectations. This is an excellent leadership opportunity.
6. **Take advantage of Real Food for Kids!** We are here to help you and your students be successful and are happy to assist you through this process. Let us know how we can support you and your team.



Important Dates

September 12, 2018	Team Details and Documents Released Registration Opens
October 10, 2018	Registration Closes
November 6, 2018	FACS In-Service Professional Development
December 12, 2018	Competition Recipes Due
January 23, 2019	Showcase Recipes Due
March 2, 2019	Culinary Challenge