PURPOSE
Through the individual commitment of every culinary arts faculty member, the Tarpon Springs High School culinary arts student will graduate with developed character traits, acquired knowledge, necessary skills and the high values needed to be a successful contributor to our ever-changing and increasingly demanding society.

MISSION
The mission of the Jacobson Culinary Arts Academy at Tarpon Springs High School is to promote the interest and welfare of the high school students participating in the culinary arts program. Students will learn how to conduct themselves in a confident, professional and ethical manner, and will demonstrate procedures using basic and advanced knowledge related to the hospitality industry.
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Our curriculum includes, but is not limited to:

- Industry recognized certifications: SafeStaff and National ProStart Certificate of Achievement.
- Identifying career and job opportunities
- Workplace safety and sanitation
- Skills development
- Culinary competitions
- Use of commercial tools and equipment
- Front-of-the-house duties
- Back-of-the-house duties
- Food identification, selection and purchasing
- Menu development
- Relationship of nutrition and wellness
- Management skills
- Food and beverage preparation
- Catering

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