



# Meet Brianna

Brianna is interested in studying culinary arts. She enjoys cooking, baking, and socializing over food, and believes she wants to work in the culinary field.

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For her entire life, food has served as a source for Brianna's family gatherings, social events, and friendships. Gathered around her grandmother's kitchen, Brianna and her family have shared a long tradition of cooking, baking, and exploring foods, while creating culinary masterpieces.

Throughout elementary school, Brianna excels in all subject areas and takes particular interest in celebrating holidays and birthdays with items she bakes. She is actively involved in sports, clubs, and student council.

In middle school, Brianna begins to study potential career fields around her interests, including hospitality, event coordination, culinary arts, restaurant management, and sociology. Through her studies, she learns about the traits needed to succeed in these fields, as well as the schooling needed, opportunities for advancement, and possible incomes. Brianna continues participating in social-based activities at school.

After examining career options, Brianna determines that she wants to study culinary arts and seeks to fulfill her goal of becoming a pastry chef.

When Brianna reaches the 10-12 grade campus, she decides to pursue her studies within the **School of Human Services**.

Here, Brianna will experience curriculum that is taught to the required standards, but in a way that is meaningful to her passion and goals. What this may mean is that she will learn Science standards through understanding the science and chemistry behind cooking, or Math through the use of recipe development, for example. Her electives may include design and management, where she will learn tools to help in her future career. Since she is learning the required standards at each grade level, if she decides to change between grade levels, she can transition to a different school of study. She'll have the safety of exploring while still in high school.

In addition to her traditional principal, counselor, and teachers, Brianna will be supported by a business dean and a business advisory group who will ensure she is receiving an education that puts her ahead in her industry. This team will help Brianna receive hands-on experience through job shadowing, internships, and work-study.

When Brianna graduates from high school, she is ready to decide if she will pursue her goal as a pastry chef through additional training or education. Her internship with a local bakery provides additional resources for her growth.