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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for your interest in Westside High school's Entrepreneur 101 program. The E-101 program is a three year program designed to give students the most authentic culinary arts and restaurant management experience possible and is one of very few in the state of Texas!

Our rigorous curriculum, paired with a commercial kitchen and Outback Steakhouse branded dining room will give your child a hands-on look into the world of culinary arts and entrepreneurship. Your student will enter the program as a sophomore and continue through the remainder of high school. The first year of the program allows your child to learn the fundamentals of cooking, sanitation, and some basic business skills. Through classroom lessons and hands-on cooking labs, students will learn everything from basic knife skills to the art of grilling, converting recipes, and much more! The second year of the program takes what your child has learned and put it to practical use in our student run restaurant. Your child will learn how to setup and work the various stations in a commercial kitchen and learn the art of menu design and food cost. The third year of the program focuses on restaurant management and culinary competition. Using actual data from the student run restaurant, your child will develop leadership skills, learn how to calculate profits and keep detailed inventory, and market their products and service while perfecting their skills in culinary competition both on campus and off. In the 2007-2008 school year we placed first at district competition and fourth in the state so we are well on our way to making a name for ourselves in the state.

As part of the application process, we need to have a completed program application on file when your child enrolls as a freshman. Please fill out the included application and return it with the requested documents. You will be informed of your child's acceptance by letter this summer. All application materials need to be turned in by April 15, 2009. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to working with your child!

Thank you,

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