



# El Monte Union High School District

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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **El Monte Union Student Chefs to Compete in Game-Style Cooking Showdown**

**WHAT:** Student chefs from three El Monte Union high schools will square off to prepare a full meal – complete with a protein, vegetable and starch – in Cooking Showdown, the District’s first-ever cooking competition, to be held from noon to 3 p.m. **Friday, March 15.**

Filmed by Mountain View's VISTA Academy video production class, the head-to-head game show-style competition will feature three teams of six students receiving identical surprise ingredients and 75 minutes to plan and prep their dishes.

Judges will taste and score each group’s dish based on presentation, taste and creativity. Students may use one “lifeline” and then adjourn to the “green room,” where they will watch through a television monitor as the judges taste the dishes.

The show will “air” through each school’s YouTube channel on May 1, with winners announced at the Board of Trustees meeting later that evening.

**WHEN:** Noon to 3 p.m. Friday, March 15

**WHERE:** Mountain View High School  
2900 Parkway Drive, El Monte, CA

**DETAILS:** The student chefs are part of the Food Service and Food Science career technical education pathways at Rosemead, Arroyo and Mountain View high schools. Students have competed in events hosted by the Careers through Culinary Arts (C-CAP) training and career exploration program throughout the year. Jeff Palmer, lead instructor of the Baldwin Park Food Service and Culinary Arts Academy, will serve as the host, along with a Mountain View High student. VISTA Academy students will film, edit and produce the show.

*Coverage of this event is welcome and greatly appreciated.*

*The vision of the El Monte Union High School District is to empower and motivate our students to be resilient, college and career ready, lifelong learners and contributing members of our global society.*