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Comment: Change "Nutrition" to "Nutrition & Culinary Skills" and add more applicable culinary training to the requirements.

Response: Thank you for your comment. Culinary skills fall under the Operations key area and align with learning objective 2100: Food Production. Training should be relevant to each employee's job responsibilities, and the school district director is responsible for identifying topics that apply broadly to staff, such as food safety, and ensuring that all training aligns appropriately with staff duties.

Sincerely,

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