Unit 10: Advanced Baking/Cakes

Content Area: **Art**
Course(s):
Time Period: **MP4**
Length: **15 days**
Status: **Published**

Targeted Standards

HOSP.9-12.9.4.12.I.(1).1	Use basic reading, writing, and mathematical skills to provide food production and services to ensure a positive guest/customer experience.
HOSP.9-12.9.4.12.I.(1).2	Use knowledge of cultures and information from geographical studies to guide guest/customer service decisions.
HOSP.9-12.9.4.12.I.(1).3	Demonstrate listening, writing, and speaking skills to enhance guest/customer satisfaction.
HOSP.9-12.9.4.12.I.(1).7	Evaluate companies' standard operating procedures related to food and beverage production and guest services to understand how they help ensure the provision of quality products and services.
HOSP.9-12.9.4.12.I.(1).9	Demonstrate knowledge of ethical and legal responsibilities for guest/customer and employee conduct and explain their role in maintaining high quality standards in the industry.
HOSP.9-12.9.4.12.I.8	Select and employ appropriate reading and communication strategies to learn and use technical concepts and vocabulary in practice.
HOSP.9-12.9.4.12.I.15	Apply active listening skills to obtain and clarify information.
HOSP.9-12.9.4.12.I.39	Demonstrate knowledge of personal and jobsite safety rules and regulations to maintain safe and healthful working conditions and environments.

Rationale

This unit builds on foundational baking knowledge to introduce students to the detailed process of creating multi-layer cakes, applying frostings and fillings, and exploring a range of decorative techniques such as piping, fondant work, and modern design trends. Through hands-on practice, students will develop an understanding of structure, texture, flavor balance, and visual presentation. Beyond skill-building, this unit cultivates patience, planning, and artistic expression—traits essential to both professional baking and personal confidence in the kitchen.

Essential Questions

Content Specific	Skills Specific
• How do the ingredients and preparation methods affect the final texture and structure of a cake? • In what ways do cakes serve cultural,	• What techniques ensure a stable and professional-looking layer cake? • How can I use decorating tools to express creativity while maintaining consistency?

celebratory, or symbolic purposes? • What role does design play in consumer perception of baked goods?	• How do I plan, sketch, and execute a cake design from start to finish?

Spiraling for Mastery

Content or Skill for this Unit	Spiral Focus from Previous Unit
• Mixing methods • Cake assembly • Decorating	• Piping

Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills

Please tag the appropriate **2020 NJSLS-CLKS** standards that align with the grade band and content/skills of this unit. This is done by clicking "actions" and then "add standards".

9.4.12.CI.2	Identify career pathways that highlight personal talents, skills, and abilities (e.g., 1.4.12prof.CR2b, 2.2.12.LF.8).
9.4.12.CI.3	Investigate new challenges and opportunities for personal growth, advancement, and transition (e.g., 2.1.12.PGD.1).

Interdisciplinary Connections

How does this unit connect to standards in other disciplines? Add the appropriate **NJ SLS** here, keeping grade bands in mind. This is done by clicking "actions" and then "add standards".

N.Q.A.1	Use units as a way to understand problems and to guide the solution of multi-step problems; choose and interpret units consistently in formulas; choose and interpret the scale and the origin in graphs and data displays.
N.Q.A.3	Choose a level of accuracy appropriate to limitations on measurement when reporting quantities.
S.MD.B.7	Analyze decisions and strategies using probability concepts (e.g., product testing, medical testing, pulling a hockey goalie at the end of a game).