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Chef Chris Bates has turned to video and multimedia to focus in on the topics his Culinary Arts students struggle with at Wekiva High. He has turned his kitchen into a cooking show studio, complete with lights, cameras, tripods and software used to post [lessons](#) on "Learning at Home with Chef Bates."

"I believe that online learning has to take into account that a hundred distractions are begging for the student's attention, and my content has to be almost as fast-paced as Netflix and compelling enough to compete," he said.

Bates says teaching online has had its challenges but that the student response has been overwhelmingly positive, especially among his freshmen and sophomores.

"They like the material and like even more that I include my frequent silliness and occasional slip-ups," he said. "The true feat is getting my family (and my Doberman, Arya) to stay out of the kitchen long enough to film the entire thing from start to finish."