

Completing the Application Process for Healthy Food Certification

Section 10-215f of the **Connecticut General Statutes** **Module Topics**

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- Steps for Completing **HFC Statement**
- Requirements for **Food and Beverage** Exemptions
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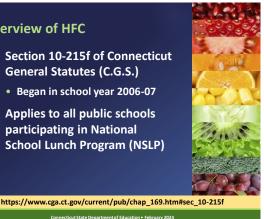
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Overview of HFC Section 10-215f of Connecticut

- **General Statutes (C.G.S.)** • Began in school year 2006-07
- Applies to all public schools participating in National School Lunch Program (NSLP)

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Overview of HFC

• Each board of education or governing authority (BOE) must certify annually to CSDE whether they will or will not follow Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CNS)



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CNS Applies To

- All foods available for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals
- All foods served in USDA's Afterschool Snack Program (ASP)





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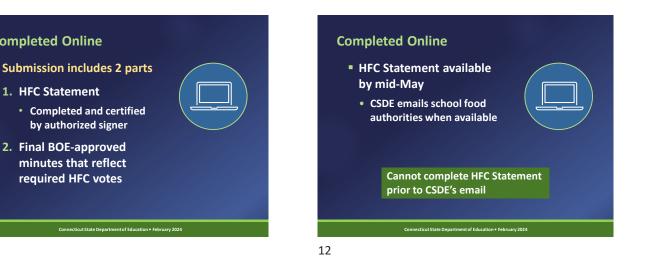


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required HFC votes

Completed Online

1. HFC Statement

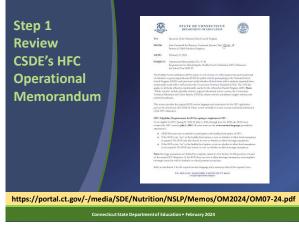


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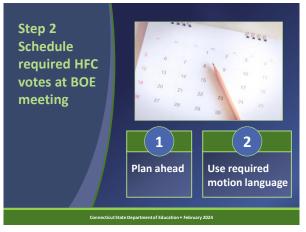
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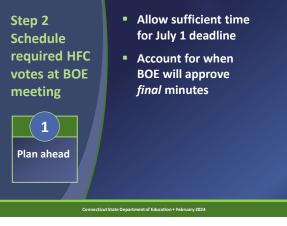
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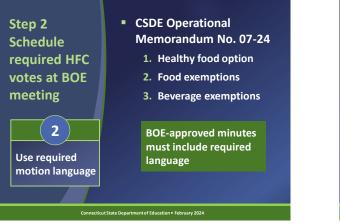
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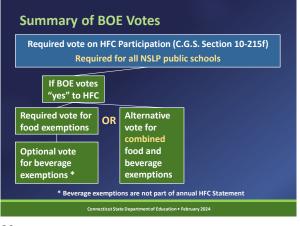


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Food Exemptions If BOE votes to allow, sales of noncompliant foods must meet three

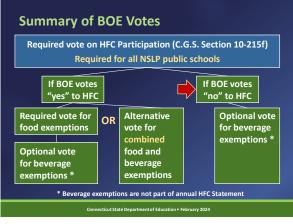
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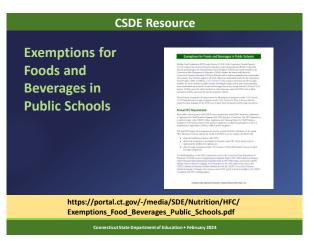
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Three Exemption Criteria

- 1. The sale is in connection with an *event* occurring *after* the end of the regular school day or on the weekend
- 2. The sale is at *location* of the event
- 3. The foods are not sold from a vending machine or school store



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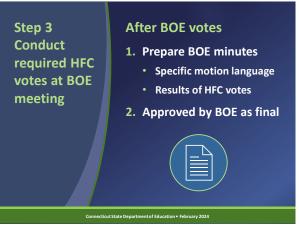
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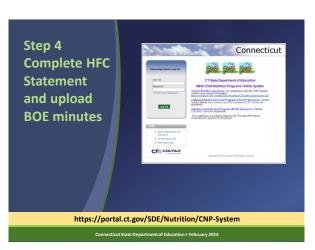
Step 3 Conduct required HFC votes at BOE meeting



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CSDE Resource

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Step 4 Complete HFC Statement and upload BOE minutes



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HFC Contact Person

- Coordinates day-to-day implementation and monitoring of HFC
- Completes required HFC trainings
- Ensures all competitive foods available for sale to students comply with requirements

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HFC Contact Person

 Typically, food service director

HFC Statement Overview

 Section 6: Contact Information

HFC contact person

- Can be anyone that district designates
 - Business manager
 - Food service director from food service management company

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/HFC_District_Contact_Responsibilities.pdf

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