Data on Participation in Healthy Food Certification (HFC) for School Year 2018-19
Districts that implement HFC under Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes must follow the Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CNS) for all foods sold to students separately from reimbursable school meals.
HFC Participation for School Year 2018-19

- 178 school districts/schools
- 90.4 percent of eligible districts/schools
- 5 new districts
- 97 percent recertification rate
HFC Participation for School Year 2018-19

- 0.2 percent increase from school year 2017-18
- 78 percent increase from first year (2006-07)
Number of eligible versus participating districts for HFC (2017-18 to 2018-19)

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Percent change in eligible versus participating HFC districts (2017-18 to 2018-19)

- Eligible: 1.5%
- Participating: 1.7%
Change in HFC participation from 2017-18 to 2018-19

- 2016-17: 90.2%
- 2017-18: 90.4%
- Difference: 0.2%
- Percentage Change: 0.2%
HFC participation to date

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Percent change in HFC participation to date

-2.2%  11.4%  10.6%  9.8%  5.2%  5.0%  4.2%  11.0%  4.3%  2.6%  0.1%  78.0%

Overall
HFC Districts for School Year 2018-19

Healthy Food Certification for School Year 2018-19

School districts that choose to implement the healthy food option of Healthy Food Certification (HFC) under Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes must follow the Connecticut Nutrition Standards for all foods sold to students separately from reimbursable school meals. For the 2018-19 school year, 117 of the 196 eligible districts and schools (90.5 percent) are implementing the healthy food option of HFC. Eligible districts include all public school districts participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), including regional educational service centers, the Connecticut Technical High School System, charter schools, interdistrict magnet schools, and endowed academies.

New HFC districts for school year 2018-19 are indicated in bold. Schools that participate in the NSLP through an interschool agreement with another school district have the option of implementing HFC if the sponsoring school district implements HFC. These schools are indicated under “Interschool Agreements” on page 3, with the sponsoring district indicated in parentheses. School districts not listed have either chosen not to implement HFC or not eligible for HFC. For more information, see the CSDE’s Map of Connecticut School Districts Participating in HFC.

Public School Districts

1. Ansonia Public Schools
2. Ashford Public Schools
3. Avon Public Schools
4. Bash Bisham Public Schools
5. Berlin Public Schools
6. Bredice Public Schools
7. Bredice Public Schools
8. Bloomfield Public Schools
9. Bolton Public Schools
10. Branford Public Schools
11. Enfield Public Schools
12. Groton Public Schools
13. Groton Public Schools
14. Groton Public Schools
15. Groton Public Schools
16. Canterbury Public Schools
17. Canton Public Schools
18. Chaplin Public Schools
19. Chelsea Public Schools
20. Chester Public Schools
21. Clinton Public Schools
22. Colchester Public Schools
23. Colchester Public Schools
24. Coventry Public Schools
25. Cromwell Public Schools
26. East Haddam Public Schools
27. Deep River Public Schools
28. Derby Public Schools
29. East Hampton Public Schools
30. East Hartford Public Schools
31. East Haven Public Schools
32. East Lyme Public Schools
33. East Windsor Public Schools
34. Ellington Public Schools
35. Essex Public Schools
36. Fairfield Public Schools
37. Farmington Public Schools
38. Franklin Public Schools
39. Glastonbury Public Schools
40. Granby Public Schools
41. Glastonbury Public Schools
42. Groton Public Schools
43. Guilford Public Schools
44. Hamden Public Schools

Healthy Food Certification (HFC)

Overview

Healthy Food Certification (HFC) under Section 10-215S of the Connecticut General Statutes requires that each board of education or governing authority for all public schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) must certify annually to the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) whether the district will follow the Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CNS) for all foods sold to students separately from reimbursable school meals.

The CNS applies to all sources of food sales on school premises at all times including, but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises. Districts that choose the healthy food option of HFC receive an additional 10 cents per lunch, based on the total number of reimbursable lunches (paid, free, and reduced) served in the prior school year.

HFC Overview
- HFC Overview
- Summary of Connecticut Nutrition Standards

List of HFC Districts (School Year 2018-19)
- HFC Districts
- HFC Map
- HFC Data

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http://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Healthy-Food-Certification
Requirements for School Foods and Beverages

Access

- Connecticut General Statutes
- Beverage Requirements
- Healthy Food Certification
- Connecticut Nutrition Standards
- List of Acceptable Foods and Beverages

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