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 school year 2018-19, 178 of the 197 eligible districts and schools (90.4 percent) are implementing the healthy food option of HFC. Eligible districts for HFC are 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 may choose to implement the healthy food option of 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. Barkhamsted Public Schools
5. Berlin Public Schools
6. Bethany Public Schools
7. Bethel Public Schools
8. Bloomfield Public Schools
9. **Bolton Public Schools**
10. Bozrah Public Schools
11. Branford Public Schools
12. Bridgeport Public Schools
13. Bristol Public Schools
14. Brookfield Public Schools
15. Brooklyn Public Schools
16. Canterbury Public Schools
17. Canton Public Schools
18. Chaplin Public Schools
19. Cheshire Public Schools
20. Chester Public Schools
21. Clinton Public Schools
22. Colchester Public Schools
23. Colebrook Public Schools
24. Coventry Public Schools
25. Cromwell Public Schools
26. Danbury 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. Griswold Public Schools
42. Groton Public Schools
43. Guilford Public Schools
44. Hamden Public Schools
## Public School Districts, continued

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46. Hartland Public Schools  
47. Hebron Public Schools  
48. Kent Center School  
49. Killingly Public Schools  
50. Lebanon Public Schools  
51. Ledyard Public Schools  
52. Lisbon Public Schools  
53. Litchfield Public Schools  
54. Manchester Public Schools  
55. Mansfield Public Schools  
56. Marlborough Public Schools  
57. Meriden Public Schools  
58. Middletown Public Schools  
59. Milford Public Schools  
60. Montville Public Schools  
61. Naugatuck Public Schools  
62. New Britain Public Schools  
63. **New Fairfield Public Schools**  
64. New Hartford Public Schools  
65. New Haven Public Schools  
66. New London Public Schools  
67. New Milford Public Schools  
68. Newington Public Schools  
69. Norfolk Public Schools  
70. North Branford Public Schools  
71. North Canaan Public Schools  
72. North Haven Public Schools  
73. North Stonington Lunch  
74. Norwalk Public Schools  
75. Norwich Public Schools  
76. Old Saybrook Public Schools  
77. Orange Public Schools  
78. Oxford Public Schools  
79. Plainfield Public Schools  
80. Plainville Public Schools  
81. Plymouth Public Schools  
82. Portland Public Schools  
83. Preston Public Schools  
84. Putnam Public Schools  
85. **Regional District #1**  
86. Regional District #4  
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93. Region District #13  
94. Region District #14  
95. Region District #15  
96. Region District #16  
97. Region District #18  
98. Region District #17  
99. Rocky Hill Public Schools  
100. Salem Public Schools  
101. Salisbury Public Schools  
102. Seymour Public Schools  
103. Shelton Public Schools  
104. Simsbury Public Schools  
105. South Windsor Public Schools  
106. Southington Public Schools  
107. Sprague Public Schools  
108. Stafford Public Schools  
109. Stamford Public Schools  
110. Sterling Public Schools  
111. Stonington Public Schools  
112. Stratford Public Schools  
113. Suffield Public Schools  
114. Thomaston Public Schools  
115. Thompson Public Schools  
116. Tolland Public Schools  
117. **Torrington Public Schools**  
118. Trumbull Public Schools  
119. Vernon Public Schools  
120. Voluntown Public Schools  
121. Wallingford Public Schools  
122. Waterbury Public Schools  
123. Waterford Public Schools
Public School Districts, continued

124. Watertown Public Schools
125. West Hartford Public Schools
126. West Haven Public Schools
127. Westbrook Public Schools
128. Wethersfield Public Schools
129. Willington Public Schools
130. Winchester Public Schools
131. Windham Public Schools
132. Windsor Locks Public Schools
133. Windsor Public Schools
134. Wolcott Public Schools
135. Woodbridge Public Schools
136. Woodstock Public Schools

Magnet Schools, Charter Schools, and Regional Education Service Centers (RESCs)

137. ACES
138. Achievement First Bridgeport Academy, Inc., New Haven
139. Amistad Academy, New Haven
140. Brass City Charter School, Waterbury
141. Capital Preparatory Harbor School, Inc., Bridgeport
142. Common Ground High School, New Haven
143. CREC
144. EASTCONN
145. EdAdvance (formerly Education Connection)
146. Elm City College Preparatory School, New Haven
147. Highville Charter School, Inc., New Haven
148. Integrated Day Charter School, Norwich
149. Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication, New London
150. LEARN
151. Park City Prep Charter School, Inc., Bridgeport
152. Stamford Academy, Stamford
153. The Bridge Academy Charter School, Bridgeport
154. Trailblazers Academy, Stamford

Interschool Agreements
(Sponsoring district is listed in parentheses)

155. ACES Thomas Edison Middle Magnet (Meriden)
156. Achievement First (Hartford)
157. Andover Elementary School (Coventry)
158. Booker T Washington (New Haven)
159. CES Cooperative Educational Services (Bridgeport)
160. CES Six to Six Magnet School (Bridgeport)
161. CES Special Education Center (Bridgeport)
162. CREC Academy of Aerospace & Engineering (Rocky Hill)
163. CREC Academy of Aerospace & Engineering (Windsor)
164. CREC Academy of Science and Innovation (New Britain)
165. CREC Discovery Academy (Wethersfield)
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### Changes in Participating Districts

The recertification rate (percentage of the 2017-18 HFC districts that recertified for school year 2018-19) is 97.2 percent. One school district did not recertify (Monroe Public Schools) and five schools missed the July 1 submission deadline for HFC schools under interschool agreements (Columbia Public Schools (EASTCONN), Hampton Elementary School (EASTCONN), Pomfret Community School (EASTCONN), Scotland Elementary School (EASTCONN), and Stamford School for Excellence (Stamford)).

The five districts and schools listed below chose to implement the healthy food option of HFC for the first time in school year 2018-19.

- Bolton Public Schools
- EdAdvance (formerly Education Connection)
- New Fairfield Public Schools
- Regional District #1
- Torrington Public Schools
Changes in Statewide HFC Eligibility and Participation

From 2017-18 to 2018-19, the number of school districts eligible for HFC increased from 194 to 197 districts, while the overall number of districts choosing to participate in the healthy food option of HFC increased from 175 to 178 districts.

During school year 2017-18, 90.2 percent of eligible school districts participated in HFC. For school year 2018-19, HFC participation increased to 90.4 percent, a change of 0.2 percent (see figure 1).

Figure 1. Change in HFC districts from 2017-18 to 2018-19
The HFC participation rate is 90.4 percent for school year 2018-19. Figure 2 shows HFC participation rates since the first year of implementation (school year 2006-07). Figure 3 shows the percentage of change in the HFC participation rates since the first year of implementation.

Figure 2. HFC participation to date
Figure 3. Percentage of change in HFC participation to date

Resources

Complying with Healthy Food Certification Presentation (CSDE):

Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CSDE webpage):

Data on Participation in HFC for School Year 2018-19 (CSDE):

Healthy Food Certification (CSDE webpage):
https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Healthy-Food-Certification

List of Acceptable Foods and Beverages (CSDE webpage):

Map of Connecticut School Districts Participating in HFC (CSDE):
Questions and Answers on Connecticut Statutes for School Foods and Beverages (CSDE):

Resources for Healthy Foods and Beverages in Schools (CSDE):
https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/ResourcesHealthyFB.pdf

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