

Common Acronyms and Abbreviations for Determining Eligibility in the School Nutrition Programs and Summer Food Service Program

This document contains common acronyms and abbreviations related to determining and verifying eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk in the [school nutrition programs](#) and free meals in the [Summer Food Service Program \(SFSP\)](#).

AF	TFA benefits (for direct certification)
AR	Administrative Review
ASP	Afterschool Snack Program (USDA)
CEP	Community Eligibility Provision
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CN	child nutrition
CNP	Child Nutrition Programs (USDA)
CSDE	Connecticut State Department of Education
DC	direct certification
DO	determining official
DSS	Connecticut Department of Social Services
FM	free Medicaid (for direct certification)
FNS	Food and Nutrition Service (USDA)
FS	SNAP benefits (for direct certification)
FSMC	food service management company
FY	fiscal year (federal year is October 1 through September 30)
HH	household
IEG	income eligibility guidelines
LEA	local educational agency
NSLA	National School Lunch Act

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NSLP	National School Lunch Program (USDA)
OT	Other, e.g., foster children (for direct certification)
P-EBT	Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer
RCCI	residential child care institution
RM	reduced Medicaid (for direct certification)
S-EBT	Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer
SBP	School Breakfast Program (USDA)
SFA	school food authority
SFSP	Summer Food Service Program (USDA)
SMP	Special Milk Program (USDA)
SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
SSO	Seamless Summer Option of the NSLP (USDA)
SY	school year (July 1 through June 30)
TFA	Temporary Family Assistance
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
VO	verifying official

For more information, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) [Eligibility for Free and Reduced-price Meals and Milk in School Nutrition Programs](#) webpage or contact the [school nutrition programs staff](#) or [Summer Meals staff](#) at the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841. This document is available at https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/forms/freered/acronyms_abbreviations_determining_eligibility_snp_sfsp.pdf.

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