

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)	LEA	local educational agency
AR	Administrative Review	NSLA	National School Lunch Act
ASP	Afterschool Snack Program (USDA)	NSLP	National School Lunch Program (USDA)
CEP	Community Eligibility Provision	OT	Other, e.g., foster children (for direct certification)
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	P-EBT	Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer
CN	child nutrition	RCCI	residential child care institution
CNP	Child Nutrition Programs (USDA)	RM	reduced Medicaid (for direct certification)
CSDE	Connecticut State Department of Education	SBP	School Breakfast Program (USDA)
DC	direct certification	SFA	school food authority
DO	determining official	SFSP	Summer Food Service Program (USDA)
DSS	Connecticut Department of Social Services	SMP	Special Milk Program (USDA)
FM	free Medicaid (for direct certification)	SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
FNS	Food and Nutrition Service (USDA)	SSO	Seamless Summer Option of the NSLP (USDA)
FS	SNAP benefits (for direct certification)	SY	school year (July 1 through June 30)
FSMC	food service management company	TFA	Temporary Family Assistance
FY	fiscal year (federal year is October 1 through September 30)	USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
HH	household	VO	verifying official
IEG	income eligibility guidelines		

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For more information, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) webpages, [Eligibility for Free and Reduced-price Meals and Free Milk in School Nutrition Programs](#) and [Verification Procedures for School Nutrition Programs](#), or contact the [school nutrition programs](#) staff at the Connecticut State Department of Education, School Health, Nutrition and Family Services, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841.

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