

# Sample Verification Checklist

## School Year 2025-26

Local educational agency (LEA): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of verification conducted:

- Standard Sample Size
- Alternate One

1. Did the district/institution follow the instructions in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) [Eligibility Manual for School Meals](#) and the appropriate Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) [operational memoranda](#) to ensure that the verification sample was chosen correctly?

- Yes
- No

*If "No" explain:*

2. Did anyone from the district/institution attend online training on verification conducted by the CSDE during the past year?

- Yes
- No

*If "No" explain:*

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3. Was more than the required sample size verified?

Yes  
 No

*If “Yes” explain:*

4. Were the state agency (CSDE) sample verification forms used?

Yes  
 No

*If “No” explain:*

5. Was the verification process completed by November 15?

Yes  
 No

*If “No” explain:*

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6. Was a confirmation review conducted by a person other than the determining official?

Yes  
 No

*If "No" explain:*

7. Were households with foster children verified correctly?

Yes  
 No

*If "No" explain:*

8. Were the notifications of changes in eligibility to families sent in a timely manner?

Yes  
 No

*If "No" explain:*

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9. Were applications that did not need to be verified replaced by similar applications to meet the required number to be verified?

Yes  
 No

*If "No" explain:*

10. Was the option to decline to verify no more than 5 percent of applications in the selected sample utilized by the district?

Yes  
 No

*If "Yes" explain:*

11. Check this box if all calls within the district are local calls:

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12. Was there a second attempt to obtain the family information for verification?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

*If "No" explain:*

a. If unable to verify the eligibility, after a reasonable period was a notice of adverse action sent to the families?

- Yes
- No

*If "No" explain:*

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13. If there was a benefit change due to verification, was it properly applied in the lunchroom (ticket, roster, and/or other system)?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

*If "No" explain:*

14. Were any households selected for Verification for Cause?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

*If "Yes" explain:*

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For more information, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) [Verification Procedures for School Nutrition Programs](#) webpage or contact the [school nutrition programs 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/verification/sample\\_verification\\_checklist.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/forms/verification/sample_verification_checklist.pdf).



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