

# Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE)

## Child Nutrition Staff and Responsibilities

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## More Information About County Assignments

For additional guidance on the county assignments for the CSDE’s school nutrition team members and Summer Meals team members, refer to the documents below.

- [County Assignments for School Nutrition Programs](#)
- [County Assignments for Summer Meals](#)

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