

Waiver Request from the Connecticut State Department of Education to the U.S. Department of Agriculture

Waiver to Change the Administrative Reviews Cycle for the School Nutrition Programs from Three Years to Five Years

Summary

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is requesting a waiver to change the administrative reviews (AR) cycle of the school nutrition programs from three years to five years.

Waiver Request

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) [Child Nutrition Program Integrity](#) final rule allows state agencies to implement a review cycle of more than three years. The CSDE is requesting a change to the AR cycle from three years to five years for the school nutrition programs and school food authorities with food service management company (FSMC) contracts.

- **AR for School nutrition programs:** The requested cycle is July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2029. This applies to the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the NSLP, Afterschool Snack Program (ASP) of the NSLP, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP), and Special Milk Program (SMP).
- **AR for SFAs with a FSMC contract:** The requested cycle is July 1, 2028, through June 30, 2032.

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