

Healthy Food Certification Participation for School Year 2023-24

Public school districts that choose to implement the healthy food option of Healthy Food Certification (HFC) under [Section 10-215f](#) of the Connecticut General Statutes must follow the [Connecticut Nutrition Standards](#) for all foods sold to students separately from reimbursable school meals. For school year 2023-24, 189 of the 195 eligible districts and schools (96.9 percent) are implementing the healthy food option of HFC. HFC-eligible districts are public schools that participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Public schools include public school districts, the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS), charter schools, interdistrict magnet schools, endowed academies, and regional educational service centers.

HFC districts that are new to HFC or have returned to HFC for school year 2023-24 are indicated in **bold**. Schools that participate in the NSLP through an interschool agreement with another Public Schools may choose to implement the healthy food option of HFC if the sponsoring Public Schools implements HFC. These schools are indicated under “Interschool Agreements” on page 3, with the sponsoring district indicated in parentheses.

School districts not listed have either chosen not to implement HFC or are not eligible for HFC. For more information, refer to the Connecticut State Department of Education’s (CSDE) [Map of Connecticut School Districts Participating in HFC](#).

Public School Districts

1. Ansonia School District
2. Ashford School District
3. Avon School District
4. Berlin School District
5. Bethany School District
6. Bethel School District
7. Bloomfield School District
8. Bolton School District
9. Bozrah School District
10. Branford School District
11. Bridgeport School District
12. Bristol School District
13. Brookfield School District
14. Canterbury School District
15. Canton School District
16. Chaplin School District
17. Cheshire School District
18. Chester School District
19. Clinton School District
20. Colchester School District
21. Coventry School District
22. Cromwell School District
23. Danbury School District
24. Deep River School District
25. Derby School District
26. East Haddam School District
27. East Hampton School District
28. East Hartford School District
29. East Haven School District
30. East Lyme School District
31. East Windsor School District
32. Ellington School District
33. Essex School District
34. Fairfield School District
35. Farmington School District
36. Glastonbury School District
37. Granby School District
38. Greenwich School District
39. Griswold School District
40. Groton School District
41. Guilford School District
42. Hamden School District

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43. Hartford School District
44. Hartland School District
45. Hebron Public Schools
46. Kent School District
47. Killingly School District
48. Lebanon School District
49. Ledyard School District
50. Lisbon School District
51. Manchester School District
52. Mansfield School District
53. Marlborough School District
54. Meriden School District
55. Middletown School District
56. Milford School District
57. Montville School District
58. Naugatuck School District
59. New Britain School District
60. New Fairfield School District
61. New Haven School District
62. New London School District
63. New Milford School District
64. Newington School District
65. Newtown School District
66. North Branford School District
67. North Canaan School District
68. North Haven School District
69. North Stonington School District
70. Norwalk School District
71. Norwich School District
72. Old Saybrook School District
73. Orange School District
74. Oxford School District
75. Plainfield School District
76. Plainville School District
77. Plymouth School District
78. Portland School District
79. Preston School District
80. Putnam School District
81. Rocky Hill School District
82. Salem School District
83. Salisbury School District
84. Seymour School District
85. Sharon School District
86. Shelton School District
87. Simsbury School District
88. Southington School District
89. South Windsor School District
90. Sprague School District
91. Stafford School District
92. Stamford School District
93. Stonington School District
94. Stratford School District
95. Suffield School District
96. Thomaston School District
97. Thompson School District
98. Tolland School District
99. Torrington School District
100. Trumbull School District
101. Vernon School District
102. Voluntown School District
103. Wallingford School District
104. Waterbury School District
105. Waterford School District
106. Watertown School District
107. Westbrook School District
108. West Hartford School District
109. West Haven School District
110. Wethersfield School District
111. Willington School District
112. Winchester School District
113. Windham School District
114. Windsor School District
115. Windsor Locks School District
116. Wolcott School District
117. Woodbridge School District
118. Woodstock School District
119. Regional School District 01
120. Regional School District 04
121. Regional School District 05
122. Regional School District 07
123. Regional School District 08
124. Regional School District 09

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125. Regional School District 10
126. Regional School District 13
127. Regional School District 14
128. Regional School District 15
129. Regional School District 16
130. Regional School District 17
131. Regional School District 18

Magnet Schools, Charter Schools, and Regional Education Service Centers (RESCs)

1. Achievement First Bridgeport Academy District
2. Amistad Academy District
3. Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES)
4. Brass City Charter School District
5. Capital Preparatory Harbor School District
6. Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)
7. Common Ground High School District
8. Eastern Connecticut Regional Educational Service Center
9. EdAdvance
10. Elm City College Preparatory School District
11. Great Oaks Charter School District
12. Highville Charter School District
13. Integrated Day Charter School District
14. Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication District
15. LEARN
16. Park City Prep Charter School District
17. Stamford Charter School for Excellence District
18. The Bridge Academy
19. The Gilbert School

Interschool Agreements

(Sponsoring district is listed in parentheses)

1. Achievement First Hartford Elementary (Hartford)
2. Achievement First Hartford High School
3. Achievement First Hartford Middle School
4. Andover Elementary School (Coventry)
5. Barkhamsted Elementary School (EdAdvance)
6. Booker T. Washington (New Haven)
7. Botelle School, Norfolk (EdAdvance)
8. Brooklyn Elementary & Brooklyn Middle School (EASTCONN)
9. Canaan School District: Lee H. Kellogg School (Region 1)
10. CES Cooperative Educational Services (Trumbull)
11. CES Six to Six Magnet School (Bridgeport)
12. **CES Special Education Center, Trumbull (Bridgeport)**
13. Colebrook Consolidated School (EdAdvance)
14. Columbia Horace Porter School (EASTCONN)
15. Connecticut River Academy at Goodwin University (LEARN)
16. **Cornwall Consolidated School (Region 1)**
17. CREC Discovery Academy (Wethersfield)
18. CREC Glastonbury/East Hartford Magnet School (Glastonbury)

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19. CREC Learning Corridor Montessori Magnet (Hartford)
20. **CREC Magnet Schools Pre-K Annex at Progress Drive (Wethersfield)**
21. CREC Museum Academy (Bloomfield)
22. Edwin O. Smith High School (Region 19)
23. Explorations Charter School (EdAdvance)
24. Franklin Elementary School (Griswold)
25. Hampton Elementary School (EASTCONN)
26. Hartland School (EdAdvance)
27. Jumoke Academy Charter (Hartford)
28. Litchfield Public Schools: Litchfield Center School, Litchfield Intermediate School, Litchfield Middle School, Litchfield High School (EdAdvance)
29. New Hartford School District
30. Odyssey Community School (Manchester)
31. Pomfret Community School (EASTCONN)
32. Region 11: Parish Hill Middle/High School (Chaplin)
33. Region 12 Schools: The Burnham School Booth Free School Washington Primary Shepaug Valley Middle Shepaug Valley High School (EdAdvance)
34. Region 6 Schools: Goshen Center School James Morris Elementary School Warren Elementary School, Wamogo Regional High School (EdAdvance)
35. Riverside Magnet School at Goodwin University (LEARN)
36. Scotland Elementary School (EASTCONN)
37. Side by Side Community Charter (Norwalk)
38. Sterling Community School (EASTCONN)
39. The Learning Center at East Hampton High School (East Hampton)

Changes in Participating Districts

All districts and interschool agreement schools (100 percent) that chose to implement the healthy food option of HFC in school year 2022-23 recertified for school year 2023-24. In addition, three schools are new to HFC for school year 2023-24.

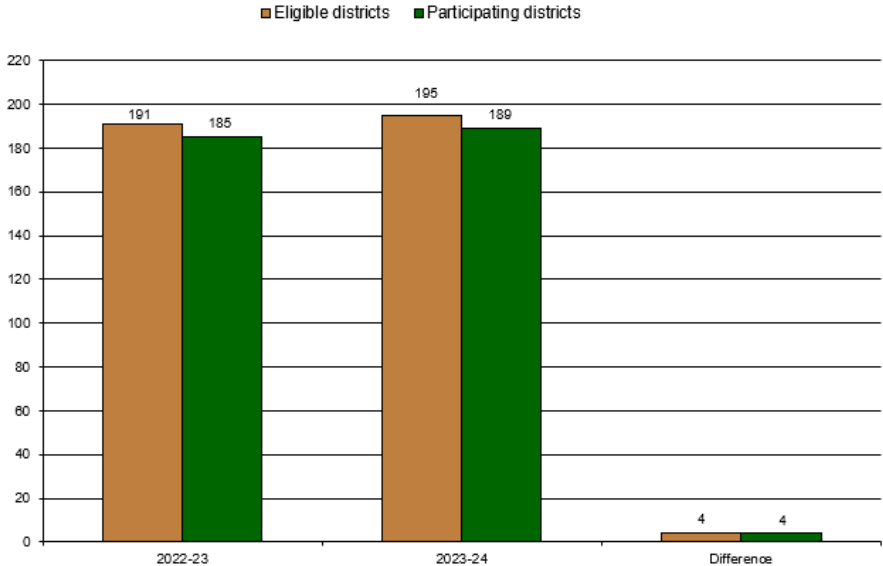
- CES Special Education Center, Trumbull (interschool agreement with Bridgeport)
- Cornwall Consolidated School (interschool agreement with Region 1)
- CREC Magnet Schools Pre-K Annex at Progress Drive (interschool agreement with Wethersfield)

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Changes in Statewide HFC Eligibility and Participation

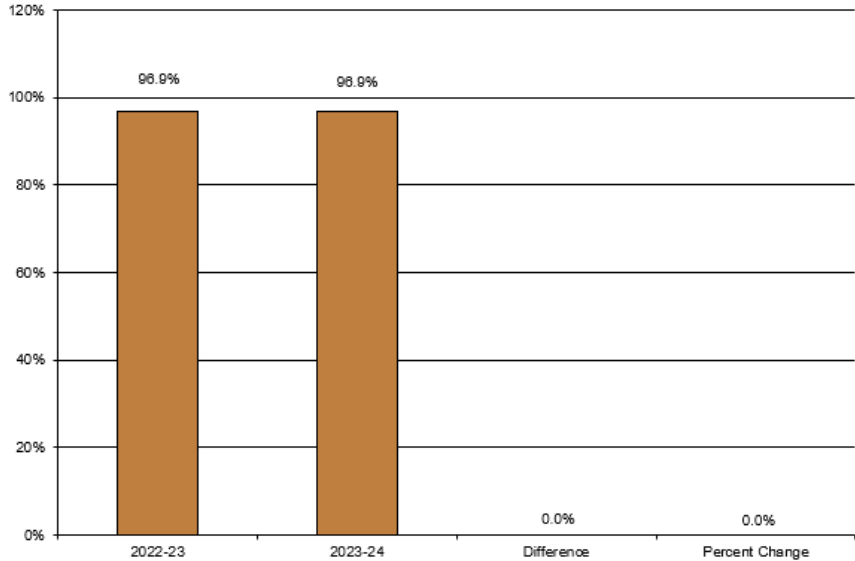
From 2022-23 to 2023-24, the number of HFC-eligible districts increased from 191 districts to 195 districts, while the number of districts choosing to participate in the healthy food option of HFC increased from 185 districts to 189 districts (refer to figure 1).

Figure 1. Eligible versus participating HFC districts



The percentage of HFC participation (96.9 percent) remained the same for both school years.

Figure 2. Change in HFC participation from 2022-23 to 2023-24



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The HFC participation rate for school year 2023-24 is 96.9 percent. Figure 3 shows HFC participation rates since the first year of implementation (school year 2006-07). Figure 4 shows the percentage of change in the HFC participation rates since the first year of implementation.

Figure 3. HFC participation to date

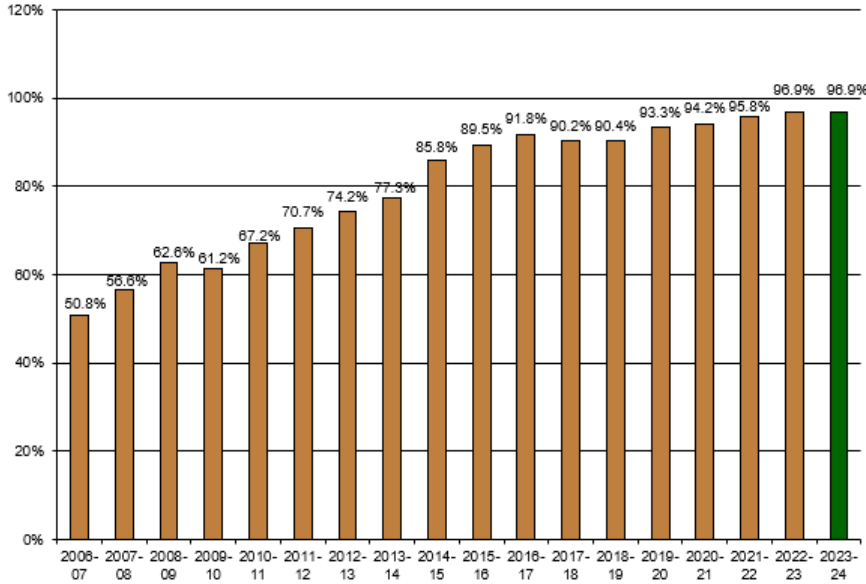
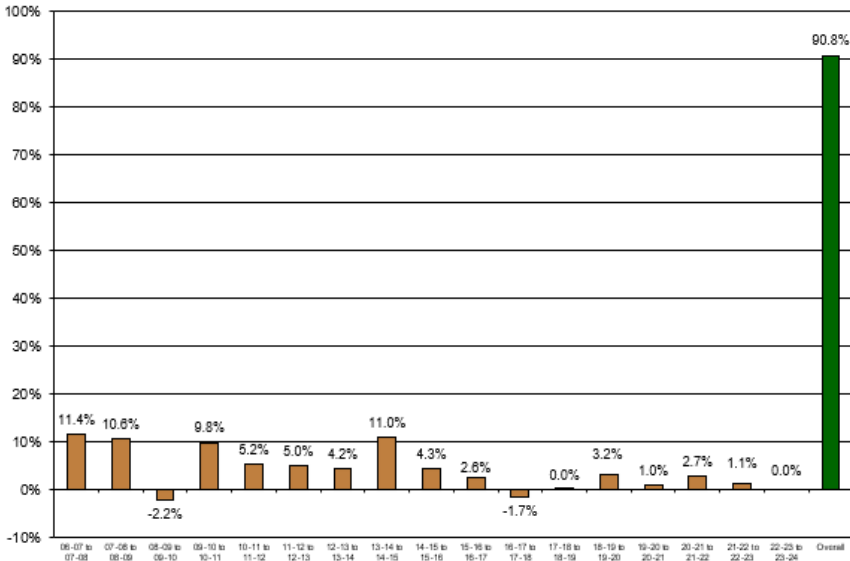


Figure 4. Percentage of change in HFC participation to date



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Resources

Complying with Healthy Food Certification (CSDE training program):

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Healthy-Food-Certification/Related-Resources>

Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Connecticut-Nutrition-Standards>

Data on Participation in HFC (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Data/HFC_data.pdf

Healthy Food Certification (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Healthy-Food-Certification>

List of Acceptable Foods and Beverages (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/List-of-Acceptable-Foods-and-Beverages>

Map of Connecticut Public Schools Participating in HFC (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Data/HFC_map.pdf

Questions and Answers on Connecticut Statutes for School Foods and Beverages (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Questions_Answers_Connecticut_Statutes_School_Foods_Beverages.pdf

Resources for Meeting the Federal and State Requirements for Competitive Foods in Schools (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CompFoods/Resources_Federal_State_Requirements_Competitive_Foods.pdf

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For more information, visit the CSDE's [Healthy Food Certification](#) and [Connecticut Nutrition Standards](#) webpages, or contact the [HFC coordinator](#) 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/HFC/Data/HFC_schools.pdf.

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