

# Healthy Food Certification Participation for School Year 2025-26

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 2025-26, 183 of the 189 eligible districts and schools (96.8 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 2025-26 are indicated in **bold**. Schools that participate in the NSLP through [an interschool agreement with another public school](#) may choose to implement the healthy food option of HFC if the sponsoring public school implements HFC. These schools are indicated under "[Interschool Agreements](#)" on page 4, 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 Healthy Food Certification](#).

## 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

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31. East Windsor School District
32. Ellington School District
33. Essex School District
34. Fairfield School District
35. Farmington School District
36. Franklin School District
37. Glastonbury School District
38. Granby School District
- 39. Greenwich School District**
40. Griswold School District
41. Groton School District
42. Guilford School District
43. Hamden School District
44. Hartford 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. Meriden School District
54. Middletown School District
55. Milford School District
56. Montville School District
57. Naugatuck School District
58. New Britain School District
59. New Fairfield School District
60. New Haven School District
61. Newington School District
62. New London School District
63. New Milford School District
64. Newtown School District
65. North Branford School District
66. North Canaan School District
67. North Haven School District
68. North Stonington School District
69. Norwalk School District
70. Norwich School District
71. Old Saybrook School District
72. Orange School District
73. Oxford School District
74. Plainfield School District
75. Plainville School District
76. Plymouth School District
77. Portland School District
78. Preston School District
79. Putnam School District
80. Rocky Hill School District
81. Salem School District
82. Salisbury School District
83. Seymour School District
84. Sharon School District
85. Shelton School District
86. Simsbury School District
87. Southington School District
88. South Windsor School District
89. Sprague School District
90. Stafford School District
91. Stamford School District
92. Stonington School District
93. Stratford School District
94. Suffield School District
95. Thomaston School District
96. Thompson School District
97. Tolland School District
98. Torrington School District
99. Trumbull School District
100. Vernon School District

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 101. Voluntown School District     | 116. Woodbridge School District  |
| 102. Wallingford School District   | 117. Woodstock School District   |
| 103. Waterbury School District     | 118. Regional School District 01 |
| 104. Waterford School District     | 119. Regional School District 04 |
| 105. Watertown School District     | 120. Regional School District 05 |
| 106. Westbrook School District     | 121. Regional School District 07 |
| 107. West Hartford School District | 122. Regional School District 08 |
| 108. West Haven School District    | 123. Regional School District 09 |
| 109. Wethersfield School District  | 124. Regional School District 10 |
| 110. Willington School District    | 125. Regional School District 13 |
| 111. Winchester School District    | 126. Regional School District 14 |
| 112. Windham School District       | 127. Regional School District 15 |
| 113. Windsor School District       | 128. Regional School District 16 |
| 114. Windsor Locks School District | 129. Regional School District 17 |
| 115. Wolcott School District       | 130. Regional School District 18 |

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

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| 1. Goodwin University Educational Services (GUES)           | 11. Amistad Academy District                        |
| 2. Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)                  | 12. Park City Prep Charter School District          |
| 3. EdAdvance  | 13. Achievement First Bridgeport Academy District   |
| 4. Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES)             | 14. Highville Charter School District               |
| 5. LEARN  | 15. Elm City College Preparatory School District    |
| 6. Eastern Connecticut Regional Educational Service Center  | 16. Brass City Charter School District              |
| 7. Integrated Day Charter School District                   | 17. Great Oaks Charter School District              |
| 8. Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication District | 18. Stamford Charter School for Excellence District |
| 9. Common Ground High School                                | 19. Capital Preparatory Harbor School District      |
| 10. The Bridge Academy District                             | 20. The Gilbert School                              |

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## Interschool Agreements

(Sponsoring district is listed in parentheses)

1. Achievement First Hartford  
(Hartford School District)
2. Andover Elementary School  
(Coventry School District)
3. Barkhamsted Elementary School  
(EdAdvance)
4. Booker T. Washington  
(New Haven School District)
5. Botelle School, Norfolk  
(EdAdvance)
6. Brooklyn School District:  
Brooklyn Elementary and  
Brooklyn Middle School  
(EASTCONN)
7. Canaan School District: Lee H.  
Kellogg School (Region 1 School  
District)
8. Colebrook Consolidated School  
(EdAdvance)
9. Columbia Horace Porter School  
(EASTCONN)
10. Cooperative Educational  
Services (CES): CES Special  
Education, Oakview (Trumbull);  
CES Six to Six Magnet School  
(Bridgeport); and CES Special  
Education Center Merit Academy  
(Trumbull School District)
11. Cornwall Consolidated School  
(Region 1 School District)
12. CREC Discovery Academy  
(Wethersfield School District)
13. CREC Glastonbury/East Hartford  
Magnet School (Glastonbury  
School District)
14. CREC Magnet Schools Pre-K  
Annex at Progress Drive  
(Wethersfield School District)
15. CREC Montessori Magnet  
(Hartford School District)
16. CREC Museum Academy  
(Bloomfield School District)
17. Edwin O. Smith High School  
(Mansfield School District)
18. **Elm City Montessori  
(New Haven School District)**
19. Explorations Charter School  
(EdAdvance)
20. Hampton Elementary School  
(EASTCONN)
21. Hartland School (EdAdvance)
22. Jumoke Academy Charter  
(Hartford School District)
23. Marlborough School District  
(Region 8 School District)
24. New Hartford Schools  
(EdAdvance)
25. Odyssey Community School  
(Manchester School District)
26. Pomfret Community School  
(EASTCONN)
27. Regional School District 20:  
Lakeview High School; Plumb Hill  
Middle; Litchfield Intermediate;  
Litchfield Center School; Goshen  
Center School; James Morris  
Elementary School; and Warren  
Elementary School (EdAdvance)

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28. Regional School District 11:  
Parish Hill Middle/High School  
(Chaplin School District)
29. Regional School District 12: The  
Burnham School; Booth Free  
School; Washington Primary;  
Shepaug Valley School  
(EdAdvance)
30. Scotland Elementary School  
(EASTCONN)
31. Side by Side Community Charter  
(Norwalk School District)
32. Sterling Community School  
(EASTCONN)
33. The Learning Center at East  
Hampton High School (East  
Hampton School District)

## Changes to Participating Districts

All districts and interschool agreement schools that chose to implement the healthy food of HFC in school year 2024-25 recertified for school year 2025-26. In addition, two districts/schools are new to HFC for school year 2025-26.

- Greenwich School District (returning after discontinuation in previous school year)
- Elm City Montessori (interschool agreement with New Haven School District)

## Changes in Statewide HFC Eligibility and Participation

From school year 2024-25 to 2025-26:

- the number of HFC-eligible districts remained the same at 189 districts;
- the number of districts choosing to participate in the healthy food option of HFC increased from 182 to 183 districts; and
- the percentage of HFC participation increased from 96.3 percent to 96.8 percent.

HFC implementation began in school year 2006-07 with a participation rate of 50.8 percent.

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## Resources

[Healthy Food Certification](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/healthy-food-certification) (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/healthy-food-certification>

[Map of Connecticut Public Schools Participating in HFC](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/hfc/data/hfc_map.pdf) (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/hfc/data/hfc\\_map.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/hfc/data/hfc_map.pdf)

For more information, visit the CSDE's [Healthy Food Certification](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/healthy-food-certification) and [Connecticut Nutrition Standards](https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/standards) webpages, or contact the [HFC coordinator](mailto:louis.todisco@ct.gov) 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](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/hfc/data/hfc_schools.pdf).

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