

## Healthy Food Certification Participation for School Year 2024-25

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 2024-25, 182 of the 189 eligible districts and schools (96.3 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 2024-25 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

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

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| 41. Guilford School District         | 83. Seymour School District        |
| 42. Hamden School District           | 84. Sharon School District         |
| 43. Hartford School District         | 85. Shelton School District        |
| 44. Hebron Public Schools            | 86. Simsbury School District       |
| 45. Kent School District             | 87. Southington School District    |
| 46. Killingly School District        | 88. South Windsor School District  |
| 47. Lebanon School District          | 89. Sprague School District        |
| 48. Ledyard School District          | 90. Stafford School District       |
| 49. Lisbon School District           | 91. Stamford School District       |
| 50. Manchester School District       | 92. Stonington School District     |
| 51. Mansfield School District        | 93. Stratford School District      |
| 52. Marlborough School District      | 94. Suffield School District       |
| 53. Meriden School District          | 95. Thomaston School District      |
| 54. Middletown School District       | 96. Thompson School District       |
| 55. Milford School District          | 97. Tolland School District        |
| 56. Montville School District        | 98. Torrington School District     |
| 57. Naugatuck School District        | 99. Trumbull School District       |
| 58. New Britain School District      | 100. Vernon School District        |
| 59. New Fairfield School District    | 101. Voluntown School District     |
| 60. New Haven School District        | 102. Wallingford School District   |
| 61. Newington School District        | 103. Waterbury School District     |
| 62. New London School District       | 104. Waterford School District     |
| 63. New Milford School District      | 105. Watertown School District     |
| 64. Newtown School District          | 106. Westbrook School District     |
| 65. North Branford School District   | 107. West Hartford School District |
| 66. North Canaan School District     | 108. West Haven School District    |
| 67. North Haven School District      | 109. Wethersfield School District  |
| 68. North Stonington School District | 110. Willington School District    |
| 69. Norwalk School District          | 111. Winchester School District    |
| 70. Norwich School District          | 112. Windham School District       |
| 71. Old Saybrook School District     | 113. Windsor School District       |
| 72. Orange School District           | 114. Windsor Locks School District |
| 73. Oxford School District           | 115. Wolcott School District       |
| 74. Plainfield School District       | 116. Woodbridge School District    |
| 75. Plainville School District       | 117. Woodstock School District     |
| 76. Plymouth School District         | 118. Regional School District 01   |
| 77. Portland School District         | 119. Regional School District 04   |
| 78. Preston School District          | 120. Regional School District 05   |
| 79. Putnam School District           | 121. Regional School District 07   |
| 80. Rocky Hill School District       | 122. Regional School District 08   |
| 81. Salem School District            | 123. Regional School District 09   |
| 82. Salisbury School District        | 124. Regional School District 10   |

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- 125. Regional School District 13
- 126. Regional School District 14
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### Magnet Schools, Charter Schools, and Regional Education Service Centers (RESCs)

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| 1. <b>Goodwin University Educational Services (GUES)</b>   | 10. EdAdvance                                       |
| 2. Achievement First Bridgeport Academy District           | 11. Elm City College Preparatory School District    |
| 3. Amistad Academy District                                | 12. Great Oaks Charter School District              |
| 4. Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES)            | 13. Highville Charter School District               |
| 5. Brass City Charter School District                      | 14. Integrated Day Charter School District          |
| 6. Capital Preparatory Harbor School District              | 15. Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication |
| 7. Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)                 | 16. LEARN   |
| 8. Common Ground High School District                      | 17. Park City Prep Charter School District          |
| 9. Eastern Connecticut Regional Educational Service Center | 18. Stamford Charter School for Excellence District |
|  | 19. 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)
2. Andover Elementary School (Coventry)
3. Barkhamsted Elementary School (EdAdvance)
4. Booker T. Washington (New Haven)
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)
8. Cooperative Educational Services (CES): CES Special Education, Oakview; CES Six to Six Magnet School; and CES Special Education Center Merit Academy (Bridgeport)
9. Colebrook Consolidated School (EdAdvance)
10. Columbia Horace Porter School (EASTCONN)
11. Cornwall Consolidated School (Region 1)
12. CREC Discovery Academy (Wethersfield)
13. CREC Glastonbury/East Hartford Magnet School (Glastonbury)
14. CREC Montessori Magnet (Hartford)
15. CREC Magnet Schools Pre-K Annex at Progress Drive (Wethersfield)
16. CREC Museum Academy (Bloomfield)
17. Edwin O. Smith High School (Mansfield)
18. **Elm City Montessori (New Haven)**
19. Explorations Charter School (EdAdvance)
20. Hampton Elementary School (EASTCONN)
21. Hartland School (EdAdvance)
22. Jumoke Academy Charter (Hartford)
23. New Hartford Schools (EdAdvance)
24. Odyssey Community School (Manchester)
25. Pomfret Community School (EASTCONN)
26. Regional School District 11: Parish Hill Middle/High School (Chaplin)
27. Regional School District 12: The Burnham School; Booth Free School; Washington Primary; Shepaug Valley School (EdAdvance)
28. Regional School District 20: Lakeview High School (previously Wamogo Regional); Plumb Hill Middle (previously Litchfield High and Middle School); Litchfield Intermediate; Litchfield Center School; Goshen Center School; James Morris Elementary School; and Warren Elementary School (EdAdvance)
29. Scotland Elementary School (EASTCONN)
30. Side by Side Community Charter (Norwalk)
31. Sterling Community School (EASTCONN)
32. The Learning Center at East Hampton High School (East Hampton)

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## Changes to Participating Districts

Except for the Greenwich School District, all districts and interschool agreement schools that chose to implement the healthy food option of HFC in school year 2023-24 recertified for school year 2024-25 (99.5 percent). In addition, one school is new to HFC for school year 2024-25.

- Elm City Montessori (interschool agreement with New Haven)

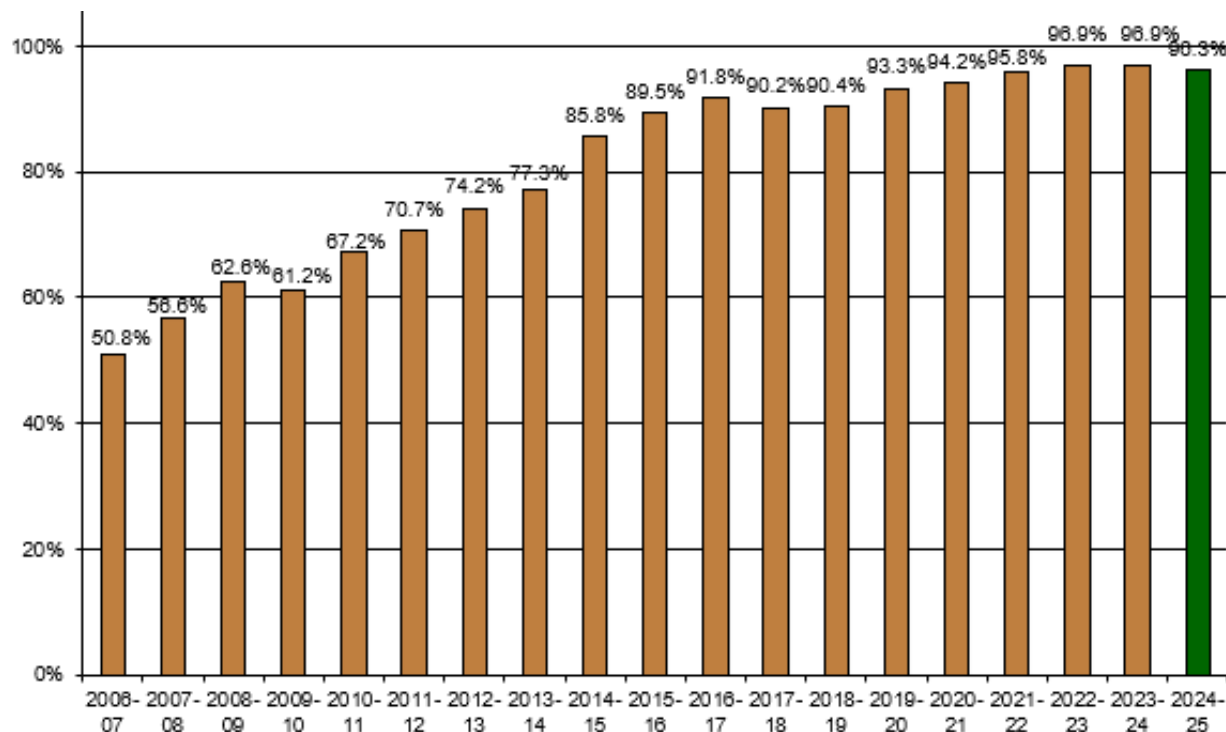
## Changes in Statewide HFC Eligibility and Participation

From school year 2023-24 to 2024-25:

- the number of HFC-eligible districts decreased from 192 districts to 189 districts;
- the number of districts choosing to participate in the healthy food option of HFC decreased from 186 districts to 182 districts; and
- the percentage of HFC participation decreased from 96.9 percent to 96.3 percent.

Figure 1 shows HFC participation rates since the first year of HFC implementation (school year 2006-07).

*Figure 1. 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 Healthy Food Certification Participation (CSDE):

[https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/hfc/data/hfc\\_data.pdf](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>

Map of Connecticut Public Schools Participating in HFC (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)

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](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/compfoods/resources_federal_state_requirements_competitive_foods.pdf)

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](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/hfc/data/hfc_schools.pdf).

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