

# Menu Documentation Organizational Tool (MDOT)

This tool helps organize documents for the **Meal Components and Quantities** section of the Administrative Review (AR) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs conducted by the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE). It also assists menu planners with completing the [USDA's Meal Pattern Compliance Worksheets](#), by having all needed documents in order for the selected review week.

**Directions:** Place the appropriate documents behind the following sheets. For detailed guidance on the menu documentation requirements, refer to the CSDE's [Guide to Menu Documentation for the School Nutrition Programs](#) and visit the CSDE's [Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs](#) webpage.

**Schools/sites:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dates of menu week:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Check one for each:*

**Meal:**     Breakfast     Lunch

**Days per week:**     4 days     5 days     6 days     7 days

**Age/grade grouping:**     K-5     6-8     9-12     K-8     K-12 (*SBP only*)

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## Menu for Selected Review Week

Attach a copy of the menu issued to students and families.

Provide a complete listing of all menu items offered to students including alternative menu choices. For example, grab-and-go salads, premade sandwiches, deli bar, yogurt parfaits, etc. Use a separate attachment, if necessary, as the menu sent home might not specify the full variety of items offered daily.

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For more information, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) [Administrative Review for School Nutrition Programs](#) webpage or contact the [school nutrition programs staff](#) 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/nslp/adminrev/mdot.pdf>.

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