

Instructions for Completing the Capital Expenditure Request Form for School Nutrition Programs

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1 — Introduction

This document provides instructions on how to complete the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) online *Capital Expenditure Request Form* in the CSDE's Online Application and Claiming System for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP System).

When the Online Capital Expenditure Request Form is Required

School food authorities (SFAs) may purchase equipment listed on the CSDE's [Capital Expenditure Approved List for School Food Authority Equipment Purchases](#) without prior approval. However, as required by [2 CFR 200.439](#), SFAs must receive prior approval from the CSDE for any capital expenditure requests for equipment or services with a unit cost of \$5,000 or greater that is not included on this list. Any used equipment with a purchase price of \$5,000 or greater also requires CSDE approval.

When the Plan to Reduce Excess Operating Balance is Required

SFAs that exceed three months' average expenditures must submit a [Plan to Reduce Excess Operating Balance for School Nutrition Programs](#) to the CSDE to indicate how the excess balance will be spent to maintain the SFA's nonprofit status. The SFA must complete the online *Capital Expenditure Request Form* in the CNP System for any item listed in the plan that is not on the CSDE's [Capital Expenditure Approved List for School Food Authority Equipment Purchases](#). For guidance on how to complete the online Capital Expenditure Request Form in the CNP System, refer to the CSDE's [Instructions for Completing the Capital Expenditure Request Form for School Nutrition Programs](#).

CSDE Contact Information

For questions regarding these instructions, please contact the SFA's assigned CSDE school nutrition team member for the school nutrition programs.

County	CSDE staff
Middlesex County (includes Regions 4, 13, and 17) Tolland County (includes Regions 8 and 19)	Jennifer Bove 860-807-2044 jennifer.bove@ct.gov
Fairfield County (includes Region 9) Litchfield County (includes Regions 1, 6, 7, 12, and 14) School wellness policies	Fionnuala Brown 860-807-2129 fionnuala.brown@ct.gov
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New London County Windham County (includes Region 11) Claims processing	Susan Alston 860-807-2081 susan.alston@ct.gov

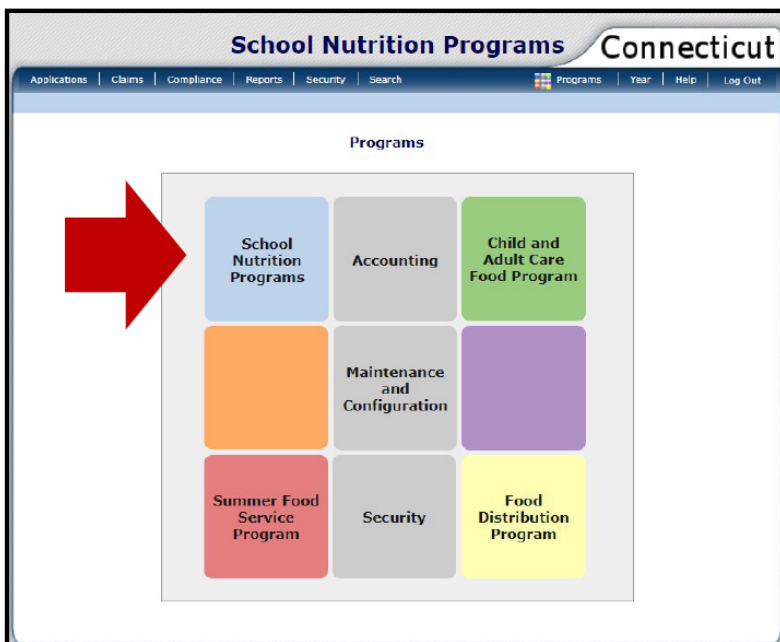
For a list of all CSDE Child Nutrition Programs staff, refer to the CSDE's [Child Nutrition Staff and Responsibilities](#). For information on the school nutrition programs, visit the CSDE's [School Nutrition Programs](#) webpage.

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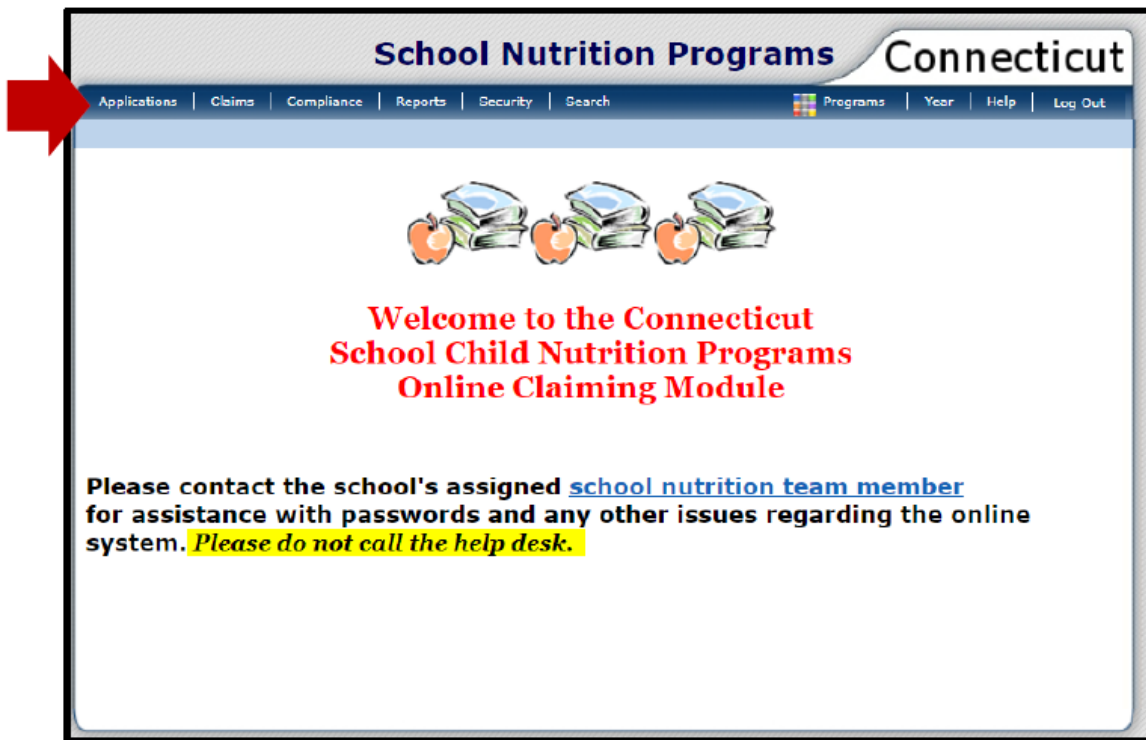
1. Access the CSDE's CNP System at <https://ct.cnpus.com/prod/Splash.aspx>.
2. Log in with your **User ID** and **Password**.

The screenshot shows the login page for the Connecticut Child Nutrition Programs Online System. The page has a header with the word "Connecticut" and a background image of a landscape with trees and a sky. On the left, there is a "Returning Users: Log On" section with a "User ID:" field, a "Password:" field, a "Forgot Your Password?" link, and a green "Log On" button. In the center, there are three small illustrations of children eating. Below these are the titles "CT State Department of Education" and "Child Nutrition Programs Online System". To the right of these titles are three sponsor sections: "School Nutrition Sponsors" (with contact info for the Help Desk), "Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Sponsors" (with contact info for CSDE staff), and "Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Sponsors" (with contact info for Caroline Cooke). At the bottom of the page, there is a "Links" section with three bullet points: "State Department of Education", "CACFP Resources", and "SNP Resources". The CNP press logo and a copyright notice for 2018 Colyar Technology Solutions are at the very bottom.

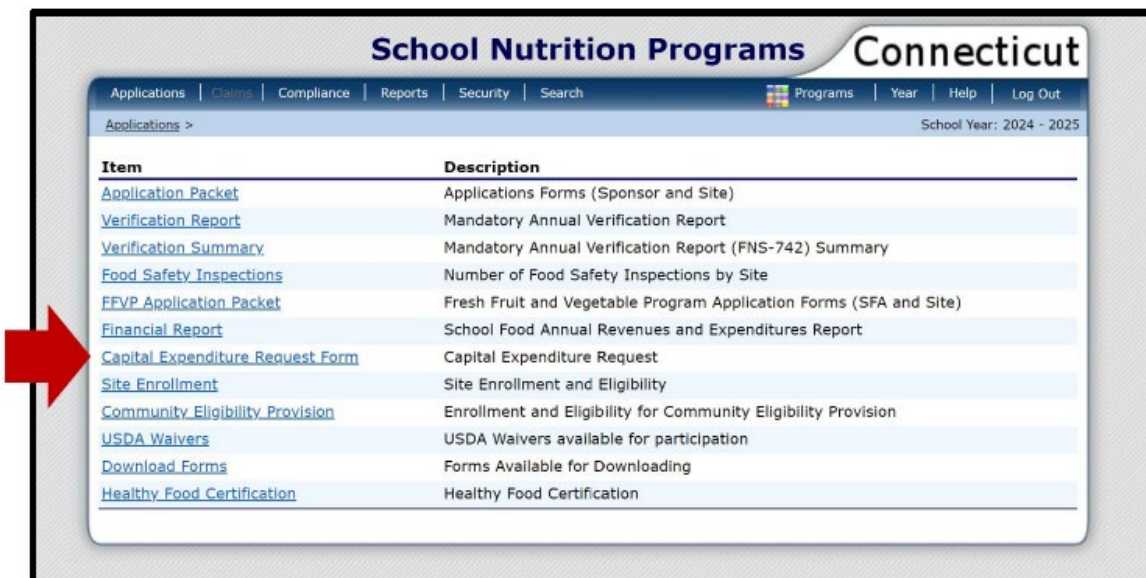
3. Click on **School Nutrition Programs**.



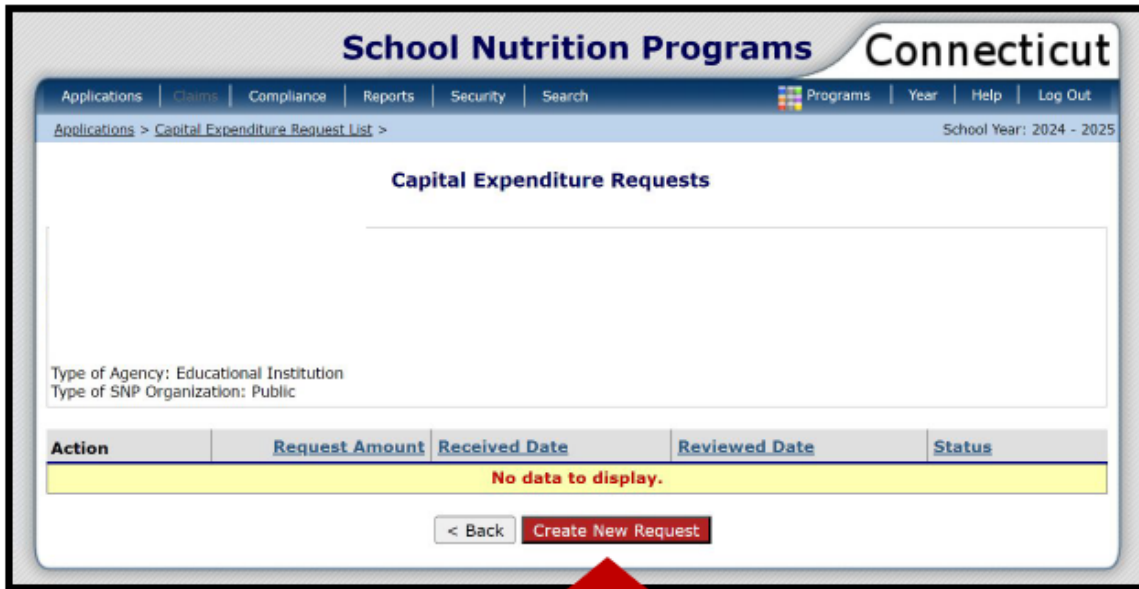
4. Click on **Applications**.



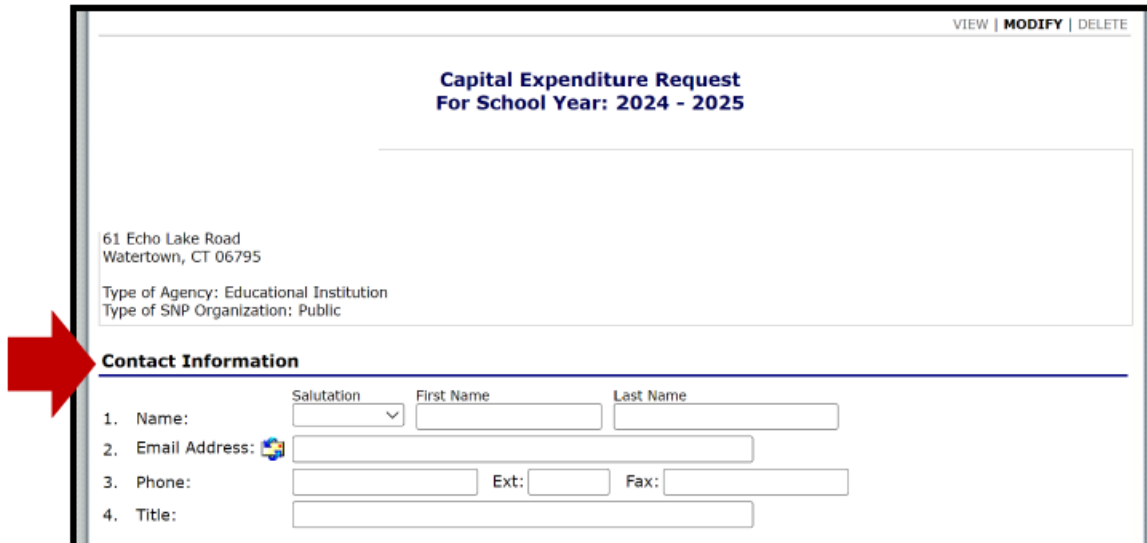
5. Click on **Capital Expenditure Request Form**.



6. Click **Create New Request**.



7. Complete the district **Contact Information**. This is the person available to answer questions about the request.



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8. List any **Capital Expenditures Items** greater than \$5,000. This form can be used for multiple items.

Note: Equipment listed on the CSDE’s [Capital Expenditure Approved List for School Food Authority Equipment Purchases](#) identifies equipment that has been **pre-approved** by the CSDE. Do not submit a request for any equipment listed in this document.

Capital Expenditure Items							
<p>5. By Federal law, State Agency must approve, in advance, any capital expenditures greater than or equal to \$5,000.</p> <p>Equipment listed on the CT Capital Expenditure Approved List for School Food Authority Equipment Purchases identifies equipment that has been pre-approved by the State Agency. Do not submit a request for any equipment listed.</p> <p>Complete the fields below to submit your capital expenditure request to State Agency.</p>							
	Item Location	Type of Item	New or Replacement	Quantity	Cost per Item	Total Cost	% Paid by Program Funds
1.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	New <input type="text" value="v"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	\$0.00	<input type="text" value="0%"/>
2.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	New <input type="text" value="v"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	\$0.00	<input type="text" value="0%"/>
3.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	New <input type="text" value="v"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	\$0.00	<input type="text" value="0%"/>
4.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	New <input type="text" value="v"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	\$0.00	<input type="text" value="0%"/>
5.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	New <input type="text" value="v"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>	\$0.00	<input type="text" value="0%"/>
Total Capital Expenditure						\$0.00	

- **Item location:** Indicate if the item is utilized at the district level or site level, if at site level list the site name.
- **Type of Item:** Indicate the item to be purchased. *Some examples: POS software, cafeteria tables, marketing, signage, floor repair (kitchen), generator, lighting (kitchen).*
- **New or Replacement:** Indicate if this is a **new** item or a **replacement** item.
- **Quantity:** Indicate the number to be purchased.
- **Cost per Item:** Enter the cost of the item, this does not include taxes, delivery, installation, etc.
- **Total Cost:** This amount calculates automatically.

- % Paid by Program Funds:** If this amount is less than 100 percent, the SFA must complete and submit the [Cost Allocation Plan Form for School Nutrition Programs](#). A cost allocation plan is a mathematical exercise used to assign indirect costs to particular programs and other cost objectives, such that each program or other cost objective bears a portion of the indirect costs that is commensurate with the benefit received from such costs. For additional guidance, refer to the CSDE's [Guide to Financial Management Requirements for the School Nutrition Programs](#).

Example: The completed example below shows how the SFA would input the percentage paid by program funds for purchase of point-of-sale (POS) software and cafeteria tables.

- POS Software:** Used exclusively by the school nutrition programs, i.e., 100 percent is paid by the nonprofit school food service account (NSFSA).
- Cafeteria Tables:** Used 4 hours per day by the school nutrition programs for meal service and 4 hours per day for before/aftercare and study hall, i.e., 50% paid by the NSFSA.

Capital Expenditure Items

5. By Federal law, State Agency must approve, in advance, any capital expenditures greater than or equal to \$5,000.

Equipment listed on the CT Capital Expenditure Approved List for School Food Authority Equipment Purchases identifies equipment that has been pre-approved by the State Agency. Do not submit a request for any equipment listed.

Complete the fields below to submit your capital expenditure request to State Agency.

	Item Location	Type of Item	New or Replacement	Quantity	Cost per Item	Total Cost	% Paid by Program Funds
1.	District	POS Software	New	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	100%
2.	High School	Cafeteria Tables	Replacement	20	\$200.00	\$4,000.00	50%
3.			New	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
4.			New	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
5.			New	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Total Capital Expenditure						\$9,000.00	



9. Enter the total **Acquisition Cost**.

- **Type of Item:** From step 5 “**Capital Expenditures Items**” in the CNP System.
- **Type of Cost:** Indicate if the cost is direct or indirect. **Note:** SFAs cannot use indirect cost unless they have a CSDE-approved indirect cost rate. For additional guidance, refer to the CSDE’s [Guide to Financial Management Requirements for the School Nutrition Programs](#).
- **Cost per Item:** List the total cost, including any taxes, fees, freight, installation, etc.
- **% Paid by Program Funds:** If this amount is less than 100 percent, the SFA must complete and submit a cost allocation plan. For additional guidance, refer to the CSDE’s [Guide to Financial Management Requirements for the School Nutrition Programs](#).

Acquisition Cost					
6. Cost of the asset including the cost to put it in place. For example, the net invoice price of the equipment, including the cost of any modifications, attachments, or auxiliary apparatus necessary to make it usable for the purchase for which it was acquired. Ancillary changes, such as taxes, duty, protective in transit insurance, freight, and installation may be included in, or excluded from the acquisition cost in accordance with the non-profit organization's regular accounting practices.					
	Type of Item	Type of Cost	Cost per Item	Total Cost	% Paid by Program Funds
1.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
2.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
3.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
4.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
5.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%
Total Acquisition Cost				\$0.00	

10. Include any **comments** necessary to clarify the item or project.

7. Comments:

11. Complete attestation **certifications**.

Certifications

I certify that the above referenced capital expenditure is necessary and reasonable for proper and efficient performance and administration of the Child Nutrition Program.

I certify that the above referenced capital expenditure is allocable to the federal award. A cost is allocable to a particular cost objective if the goods or services involved are chargeable or assignable in accordance with relative benefits received.

I certify that the above referenced capital expenditure is accorded consistent treatment. A cost may not be assigned to a federal award as a direct cost if any other cost incurred for the same purpose in like circumstances has been allocated as an indirect cost.

I certify that the above referenced capital expenditure is not included as a cost or used to meet cost sharing or matching requirements of any other federal award.

I certify that the above referenced capital expenditure is the net of all applicable credits.

I certify that the above referenced capital expenditure will be properly procured, following all federal, state, and local regulations.

I certify that the information supplied above is correct to the best of my knowledge, that records are available to support this request. I understand that this information is being given in connection with the receipt of federal funds.


12. Add any **attachments** that would be helpful to the CSDE in approving the capital expenditure request. Examples of documentation to support the purchase or service include a quote, sales proposal, plan (renovation, service), and documentation supporting the benefit to the school nutrition programs. This section is where SFAs must upload their [Cost Allocation Plan Form for School Nutrition Programs](#), if applicable.

Attachments

Refer to the CSDE's Instructions for Submitting the Capital Expenditure Request Form.

[Add](#)

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13. Select **Save** to submit.



The screenshot shows a form submission interface. At the top left, it says "Created By: Test11 on: 6/21/2024 8:24:38 AM". In the center, there are two buttons: "Save" (highlighted in red) and "Cancel". A large red arrow points down to the "Save" button. At the bottom right, there are three links: "VIEW", "MODIFY", and "DELETE".

14. **Send an email** to greg.king@ct.gov and jennifer.bove@ct.gov indicating that a capital expenditure request form has been completed and submitted for review. The CSDE will review and respond by email to request additional information or provide approval.