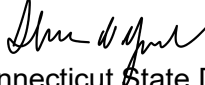




STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



**TO:** Sponsors of the National School Lunch Program

**FROM:** Shannon K. Yearwood, Bureau Chief   
Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs, Connecticut State Department of Education

**DATE:** June 16, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Operational Memorandum No. 11-26  
**Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Payment for School Year 2025-26**

In accordance with legislative changes regarding available grants and funding pursuant to state statutes for the school nutrition programs for school year (SY) 2025-26, attached is a list of school food authorities (SFA) that qualify for the HFC payment for SY 2025-26. For SY 2025-26, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has established the HFC calculation to equitably distribute HFC funds based on the school food authority (SFA) meeting each of the three criteria below.

1. The SFA has certified to the CSDE that all food items sold to students separately from reimbursable meals will meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards.
2. The SFA participated in the NSLP during SY 2024-25.
3. The SFA has NSLP counts from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, including Seamless Summer Option (SSO) lunch counts from June 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025 (excluding community sites).

Based on the availability of funds, SFAs will receive approximately \$.094 cents per lunch meal served in SY 2025-26.

The CSDE has issued HFC payments for fiscal year 2025-26 to all SFAs that meet the established HFC criteria above. The HFC funds were paid in one payment on June 9, 2026. For guidance on checking HFC payments, refer to the CSDE's document, [How to Check the Payment Status for Healthy Food Certification](#).

Questions may be directed to Teri Dandeneau at [teri.dandeneau@ct.gov](mailto:teri.dandeneau@ct.gov).

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Attachment

Important: This is a numbered Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) operational memorandum that contains important program information. Please read carefully and retain for future reference. All CSDE operational memoranda are posted on the CSDE's [Operational Memoranda for School Nutrition Programs](#) webpage.

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**Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Payment for School Year 2025-26**

<b>Sponsor Number</b>	<b>Sponsor Name</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>
200	Ansonia School District	27,497
300	Ashford School District	3,160
400	Avon School District	17,610
700	Berlin School District	15,699
800	Bethany School District	2,895
900	Bethel School District	27,540
1100	Bloomfield School District	28,807
1200	Bolton School District	4,341
1300	Bozrah School District	1,762
1400	Branford School District	18,756
1500	Bridgeport School District	233,101
1700	Bristol School District	93,721
1800	Brookfield School District	20,244
2200	Canterbury School District	3,078
2300	Canton School District	8,167
2400	Chaplin School District	3,882
2500	Cheshire School District	34,960
2600	Chester School District	1,838
2700	Clinton School District	10,230
2800	Colchester School District	13,147
3200	Coventry School District	13,284
3300	Cromwell School District	17,196
3600	Deep River School District	1,601
3700	Derby School District	17,178
4100	East Haddam School District	6,765
4200	East Hampton School District	12,608
4300	East Hartford School District	84,050
4400	East Haven School District	31,040
4500	East Lyme School District	18,310
4700	East Windsor School District	12,981

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Sponsor Number	Sponsor Name	Amount (\$)
4800	Ellington School District	18,815
5000	Essex School District	2,140
5100	Fairfield School District	58,988
5200	Farmington School District	29,163
5300	Franklin School District	675
5400	Glastonbury School District	45,874
5600	Granby School District	13,390
5700	Greenwich School District	49,928
5800	Griswold School District	16,051
5900	Groton School District	46,001
6000	Guilford School District	20,868
6200	Hamden School District	52,545
6400	Hartford School District	219,946
6700	Hebron School District	3,833
6800	Kent School District	959
6900	Killingly School District	22,697
7100	Lebanon School District	7,367
7200	Ledyard School District	15,398
7300	Lisbon School District	3,458
7700	Manchester School District	71,758
7800	Mansfield School District	14,639
8000	Meriden School District	106,029
8300	Middletown School District	46,739
8400	Milford School District	41,689
8600	Montville School District	16,914
8800	Naugatuck School District	48,623
8900	New Britain School District	112,186
9100	New Fairfield School District	13,081
9300	New Haven School District	221,702
9400	Newington School District	31,029
9500	New London School District	36,078
9600	New Milford School District	43,361

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Sponsor Number	Sponsor Name	Amount (\$)
9700	Newtown School District	28,342
9900	North Branford School District	12,883
10000	North Canaan School District	2,095
10100	North Haven School District	21,465
10200	North Stonington School District	4,205
10300	Norwalk School District	110,197
10400	Norwich School District	45,597
10600	Old Saybrook School District	5,957
10700	Orange School District	10,029
10800	Oxford School District	12,908
10900	Plainfield School District	18,638
11000	Plainville School District	18,702
11100	Plymouth School District	11,438
11300	Portland School District	9,207
11400	Preston School District	2,460
11600	Putnam School District	15,490
11900	Rocky Hill School District	19,068
12100	Salem School District	2,370
12200	Salisbury School District	2,788
12400	Seymour School District	20,334
12500	Sharon School District	808
12600	Shelton School District	41,054
12800	Simsbury School District	25,095
13100	Southington School District	39,959
13200	South Windsor School District	35,190
13300	Sprague School District	3,307
13400	Stafford School District	15,627
13500	Stamford School District	146,245
13700	Stonington School District	12,866
13800	Stratford School District	71,104
13900	Suffield School District	13,421
14000	Thomaston School District	6,633

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Sponsor Number	Sponsor Name	Amount (\$)
14100	Thompson School District	6,842
14200	Tolland School District	17,128
14300	Torrington School District	47,756
14400	Trumbull School District	43,937
14600	Vernon School District	33,276
14700	Voluntown School District	1,598
14800	Wallingford School District	41,006
15100	Waterbury School District	208,537
15200	Waterford School District	18,579
15300	Watertown School District	20,852
15400	Westbrook School District	4,083
15500	West Hartford School District	60,038
15600	West Haven School District	64,084
15900	Wethersfield School District	46,714
16000	Willington School District	5,081
16200	Winchester School District	7,665
16300	Windham School District	42,152
16400	Windsor School District	32,688
16500	Windsor Locks School District	16,971
16600	Wolcott School District	18,644
16700	Woodbridge School District	6,153
16900	Woodstock School District	6,039
20100	Regional School District 1	4,238
20400	Regional School District 4	4,665
20500	Regional School District 5	13,540
20700	Regional School District 7	6,721
20800	Regional School District 8	10,102
20900	Regional School District 9	15,515
21000	Regional School District 10	14,848
21300	Regional School District 13	7,606
21400	Regional School District 14	12,581
21500	Regional School District 15	25,685

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Sponsor Number	Sponsor Name	Amount (\$)
21600	Regional School District 16	14,839
21700	Regional School District 17	6,973
21800	Regional School District 18	7,952
23100	Goodwin University Educational Services (GUES)	13,678
24100	Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)	81,490
24200	EdAdvance	21,164
24400	Area Cooperative Educational Services	20,684
24500	LEARN	12,904
25300	Eastern Connecticut Regional Educational Service Center	17,904
26400	Integrated Day Charter School District	3,359
26500	Interdistrict School for the Arts and Communication District	4,339
26800	Common Ground High School District	2,058
26900	The Bridge Academy District	2,670
27900	Amistad Academy District	12,344
28300	Park City Prep Charter School District	4,746
28500	Achievement First Bridgeport Academy District	11,690
28600	Highville Charter School District	7,243
28900	Elm City College Preparatory School District	7,495
29000	Brass City Charter School District	4,968
29400	Great Oaks Charter School District	6,476
29600	Stamford Charter School for Excellence District	4,923
29700	Capital Preparatory Harbor School District	7,790
90200	The Gilber School	5,596

**Total: 4,151,463**