

The School Lunch Tray: March 27, 2024

Dear School Sponsors of Child Nutrition Programs:

The School Lunch Tray contains the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) weekly email notifications for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) school nutrition programs. This week's topics are listed below.

Action Items

- Reminder: CSDE Operational Memorandum No. 08-2024 Annual Notification Requirement for All Local Educational Agencies (LEAs): Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Due April 5, 2024
- Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Sponsors Encouraged to Attend Annual Summer Meals Training Webinars
- USDA Foods Update on Web Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) Login Transition to Login.gov

Need to Know

- Revised Interschool Agreements for School Year 2024-25
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- University of Connecticut Training on Friday, May 17, 2024: Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) Academy

Good to Know

- FoodCorp Service Member Applications for School Year 2024-25 due March 29, 2024
- What Two Healthy People 2030 Objectives Indicate About the Nation's Nutrition
- Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024

Please review and share with appropriate staff members. For previous versions of the School Lunch Tray, visit the CSDE's [School Lunch Tray and Table Talk](#) webpage.



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[CSDE Operational Memorandum No. 08-2024](#) outlines the steps for collecting data to update the CEP notification lists. All National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) sponsors (regardless of participation or intent to participate in the CEP) must submit school-level CEP eligibility data to the CSDE no later than April 5, 2024. **Residential child care institutions and Special Milk Program sponsors are not eligible to participate in the CEP and are exempt from this requirement.** This memo is available on the CSDE's [Operational Memoranda for School Nutrition Programs](#) webpage.

For information on how to access the CNP System to enter notification data, refer to the CSDE's document, [Community Eligibility Provision \(CEP\) Data Collection Guidance for School-level Eligibility Information](#).

Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Sponsors Encouraged to Attend Annual Summer Meals Training Webinars

SSO sponsors are strongly encouraged to attend the CSDE's annual Summer Meal Programs training. This training will be held as a series of webinars on Thursdays from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Recorded webinars will be available for sponsors who cannot attend live.

- March 28, 2024: USDA Updates, Rural Non-congregate Meal Service
- May 16, 2024: Seamless Summer Option of the National School Lunch Program
- May 23, 2024: Local Foods. USDA Foods, Food Safety
- June 6, 2024: Outreach
- June 20, 2024: Summer 2024 Kick-off

Note: These trainings are specifically recommended for SSO sponsors. SSO sponsors may also choose to attend the entire Summer Meals training series. Registration is not required for SSO sponsors.

On the dates listed above, **except May 16, 2024**, please attend the Teams trainings by clicking the following link:

Microsoft Teams meeting

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[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 257 292 443 91

Passcode: Yizq7A

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Or call in (audio only)

[+1 860-840-2075,,834102498#](#) United States, Hartford

Phone Conference ID: 834 102 498#

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On **May 16, 2024**, join the Teams trainings using the regular SLT Table Talk link:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

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Meeting ID: 225 336 668 44

Passcode: muTuBy

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Or call in (audio only)

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Phone Conference ID: 920 756 855#

For questions about Summer Meal training, please contact caroline.cooke@ct.gov.

USDA Foods Update on Web Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM) Login Transition to Login.gov

Registered WBSCM users have received emails regarding the upcoming transition from the WBSCM login to the Login.gov login. The eAuthentication (eAuth) Phase 1 transition to Login.gov went live as of September 12, 2023, which introduced the new [USDA eAuthentication Login page](#) and the new logon options using Login.gov credentials and multi-factor authentication (MFA) methods.

Beginning March 26, 2024, Phase 2 transition to Login.gov will be launched. Login.gov will continue to be optional, but all WBSCM customers and business partners with existing eAuth accounts will be prompted to switch to a Login.gov account every time they log in. These changes are being implemented to prepare users to fully transition by September 2024. At that time, Login.gov will be required to access USDA resources; users will not be able to access WBSCM using their current eAuth credentials.

More information on this transition is available on the [eAuth website](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) webpage.

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Revised Interschool Agreements for School Year 2024-25

The CSDE recently revised the 2024-25 interschool agreements to indicate that an agreement may be terminated if both parties mutually agree. The interschool agreement forms are available under “I” on the CSDE’s [Forms for School Nutrition Programs](#) webpage. The revised versions are dated March 2024. As reminder, the submission deadlines are below.

- The **Full-service Interschool Agreement form** must be submitted to the CSDE by **July 1, 2024**.
- The **Recipient Site Vended Interschool Agreements** must be submitted to the CSDE at least two weeks before the start of the school year, but no later than **August 30, 2024**.

Revised CSDE Resource Lists

Looking for resources and websites related to the operation of the USDA’s Child Nutrition Programs and promoting healthy school nutrition and physical activity environments? Updated versions (March 2024) of the CSDE’s resource list below are now available.

- Resource List for Child Nutrition Programs
- Resource List for Dietary Guidance and Nutrition Information
- Resource List for Food Safety in Child Nutrition Programs
- Resource List for Health and Achievement
- Resource List for Menu Planning and Food Production in Child Nutrition Programs
- Resource List for Nutrition Education
- Resource List for Obesity Data and Prevention
- Resource List for Physical Activity and Physical Education
- Resource List for Special Diets in Child Nutrition Programs
- Resource List for Wellness Policies in Schools and Child Care

These lists are available in the “[Documents/Forms](#)” section of the CSDE’s Resources for Child Nutrition Programs webpage.

University of Connecticut Training on Friday, May 17, 2024: Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) Academy

Join the University of Connecticut for a day of free professional development on implementing the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model. The Connecticut WSCC Partnership will host its 2024 WSCC Academy on Friday, May 17, 2024. At this one-day training, school and district wellness teams will learn how to strengthen their school practices to promote whole child development. Visit the [WSCC Academy](#) website for more information and to register. The registration deadline is April 26, 2024.

Good to Know

FoodCorp Service Member Applications for School Year 2024-25 due March 31, 2024

FoodCorp Service Members are placed in schools for 11 months (August-July) to provide hands-on lessons related to food, conduct taste tests of exciting menu items, and promote food education through the school and school district. Apply at www.foodcorps.org/apply by March 29, 2024.

What Two Healthy People 2030 Objectives Indicate About the Nation's Nutrition

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) [Healthy People initiative](#) provides evidence-based, 10-year national objectives for improving the health and well-being of all people. [Healthy People 2030](#) is the fifth iteration of the initiative and tracks more than 350 measurable objectives assessing health and well-being. As the longest-running disease prevention and health promotion program in the nation, Healthy People objectives serve as national benchmarks that inform decision-making at all levels of government, in organizations, and across multiple sectors.

As part of National Nutrition Month, the ODPHP reviewed the progress on two nutrition-related Healthy People 2030 objectives: [NWS-07: Increase vegetable consumption by people aged 2 years and older](#) and [NWS-10: Reduce consumption of added sugars by people aged 2 years and over](#). For more information, refer to "[What 2 Healthy People 2030 Objectives Tell Us About the Nation's Nutrition.](#)"

Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024

The [CSDE memo to superintendents](#) provides information and resources on the partial solar eclipse occurring in Connecticut on April 8, 2024.



For more information, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) [School Lunch Tray and Table Talk](#) 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/SLT/2024/SLT_03_27_2024.pdf.

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