

The School Lunch Tray: November 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

- Final Reminder for Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Public Schools: Annual HFC Documentation Due November 30, 2024
- Phase 2 Federal Local Food for Schools Incentive Program (LFSIP) Sign-Up Extended to Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Need to Know

- Resource Roundup: Institute of Child Nutrition's (ICN) eLearning Portal

Good to Know

- None

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.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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Final Reminder for Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Public Schools: Annual HFC Documentation Due November 30, 2024

The annual HFC documentation for school year 2024-25, is due to the CSDE by November 30 of each year. **All HFC districts must submit the online HFC Compliance Survey.** In addition, [certain districts](#) must also submit lists of foods and beverages from all sources, including: 1) all foods available for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP); 2) all foods and beverages served in afterschool snacks in the Afterschool Snack Program (ASP); and 3) all beverages available for sale to students as part of and separately from reimbursable meals, and separately from reimbursable afterschool snacks. The HFC documentation forms and guidance for school year 2024-25 are available in the "[Documents/Forms](#)" section of the CSDE's HFC webpage.

Phase 2 Federal Local Food for Schools Incentive Program (LFSIP) Sign-Up Extended to Wednesday, December 4, 2024

The sign-up for Phase 2 of the federal LFSIP has been extended to Wednesday, December 4, 2024. All participants of Phase I are eligible to participate in Phase 2. District allocations were provided in [CSDE Operational Memorandum No. 02-25: Local Food for Schools Incentive Program: Phase 2](#). Go to the [Phase 2 Application](#) and get reimbursed for more of your delicious, locally purchased menu items.

Need to Know

Resource Roundup: Institute of Child Nutrition's (ICN) iLearn Electronic Learning Portal

The ICN's [iLearn portal](#) provides free, self-paced online training for child nutrition professionals in schools, summer programs, and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Courses can be taken over multiple sessions and on different computers and mobile devices. Training programs for school nutrition programs are coded with the USDA Professional Standards Codes and the School Nutrition Association (SNA) Key Areas.

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For more information, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education's [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_11_27_2024.pdf.

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