

Determining Eligibility in the School Nutrition Programs and Summer Food Service Program

**Resource List for Module 2: Processing Applications** 

This document contains the resources highlighted in module 2 of the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) training program, *Determining Eligibility in the School Nutrition Programs and Summer Food Service Program*.

- Application Addenda ("Documents/Forms" section of CSDE's Eligibility for Free and Reducedprice Meals and Free Milk in School Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage): https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Eligibility-for-Free-and-Reduced-price-Meals-and-Free-Milk-in-School-Nutrition-Programs/Documents#Addenda
- Carryover versus Transfer of a Child's Meal Eligibility in the School Nutrition Programs (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/NSLP/Forms/FreeRed/ Carryover\_versus\_Transfer\_of\_Child\_Eligibility\_SNP.pdf
- Civil Rights for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage): https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Civil-Rights-for-Child-Nutrition-Programs
- Civil Rights: Your Responsibilities in the School Nutrition Programs (CSDE PowerPoint): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CivilRights/ Civil\_Rights\_SNP\_Presentation.pptx
- Common Acronyms and Abbreviations for Determining Eligibility in the School Nutrition Programs and Summer Food Service Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/NSLP/Forms/FreeRed/ Acronyms\_Abbreviations\_Determining\_Eligibility\_SNP\_SFSP.pdf
- County Assignments for School Nutrition Programs (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CNstaff/countyassign.pdf
- Determining Eligibility in the School Nutrition Programs and Summer Food Service Program ("Related Resources" section of CSDE's Eligibility for Free and Reduced-price Meals and Free Milk in School Nutrition Programs webpage): https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Eligibility-for-Free-and-Reduced-price-Meals-and-Free-Milk-in-School-Nutrition-Programs/Related-Resources
- Determining Foster Children's Eligibility for Free Meals or Milk in the School Nutrition Programs and Summer Food Service Program (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/NSLP/Forms/FreeRed/ Foster\_Children\_Eligibility\_SNP\_SFSP.pdf
- Edit Check Forms ("Documents/Forms" section of CSDE's Meal Counting and Claiming for School Nutrition Programs): https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Meal-Counting-and-Claiming-for-School-Nutrition-Programs/Documents#EditCheckForms



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Eligibility Manual for School Meals (USDA):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/NSLP/Forms/FreeRed/USDA\_eligibility\_manual.pdf

- Guidance for Notifying Parents of a Child's Eligibility for Free or Reduced-price Meals (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/NSLP/Forms/FreeRed/ Guidance\_Notifying\_Parents\_Child\_Eligibility\_Free\_Reduced\_Meals.pdf
- Income Guidelines for Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced-price Meals or Free Milk in the School Nutrition Programs (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/NSLP/Forms/FreeRed/ Income\_Guidelines\_SNP.pdf
- Meal Counting and Claiming for School Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage): https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/NSLP/Forms/MealCount/ Overview\_Meal\_Counting\_Claiming\_SNP.pdf
- Operational Memorandum 13-22: Carryover of a Student's Eligibility for School Year 2022-23: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/NSLP/Memos/OM2022/OM13-22.pdf
- Overview of Meal Counting and Claiming Process for Connecticut School Nutrition Programs (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Meal-Counting-and-Claiming-for-School-Nutrition-

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Procedures for Processing Free and Reduced-price Meal Applications with a SNAP or TFA Number (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/NSLP/Forms/FreeRed/ Processing\_Free\_Reduced\_Applications\_SNAP\_TFA\_Number.pdf

- Reimbursement Rates for Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage): https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Reimbursement-Rates-for-Child-Nutrition-Programs
- Sample Letter of Verification Results and Adverse Action for Income Households (CSDE): https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Verification-Procedures-for-School-Nutrition-Programs/Documents
- USDA Memo SP 50-2011, CACFP 27-2011 and SFSP20-2011: Free and Reduced-Price Meal Applications – Requests for Additional Information: https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/free-and-reduced-price-meal-applications-requests-additionalinformation



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The CSDE's **Determining Eligibility in the School Nutrition Programs and Summer Food Service Program** training program consists of seven recorded modules that provide guidance on complying with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations for determining a child's eligibility for free or reduced-price meals or free milk in the school nutrition programs and free meals in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). This training program is intended for the staff responsible for approving applications, conducting direct certification, and ensuring the accuracy of eligibility determinations through the verification process.

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