



National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program Meal Patterns for Grades K-12

Resource List for Module 6: Meal Pattern Documentation Part B –Crediting Commercial Processed Products

This document contains the resources highlighted in module 6 of the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) training program, *What's in a Meal: National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program Meal Patterns for Grades K-12*.

Accepting Processed Product Documentation in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/crediting/accepting_processed_product_documentation_snp.pdf

Authorized Labels and Manufacturers (USDA webpage):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/labeling/usdausdc-authorized-labels-and-manufacturers>

Buy American Requirement for the School Nutrition Programs (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/procure/buy_american_requirement_snp.pdf

Certification of Meal Pattern Compliance (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/certification-of-meal-pattern-compliance>

Child Nutrition (CN) Labeling Manual (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/labeling/manual>

Child Nutrition (CN) Labeling Program. (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/crediting/cn_labeling_program.pdf

County Assignments for School Nutrition Programs (CSDE):

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cnstaff/countyassign.pdf>

Crediting Documentation for the Child Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-documentation-for-the-child-nutrition-programs>

Crediting Foods in School Nutrition Programs (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/crediting-foods-in-school-nutrition-programs#ScratchFoods>

Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs Training Resources (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-training-resources>

Food Buying Guide Module 2: Recipe Analysis Workbook Online Training (Institute of Child Nutrition):

<https://theicn.docebos.com/learn/course/external/view/elearning/121/fbg-module-2-recipe-analysis-workbook-raw>

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Food Buying Guide Module 3: Product Formulation Statements Online Training (Institute of Child Nutrition):

<https://theicn.docebosaas.com/learn/course/external/view/elearning/139/fbg-module-3-product-formulation-statements-pfs>

Food Manufacturers/Industry (USDA website):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/labeling/food-manufacturersindustry>

Guide to Menu Documentation for the School Nutrition Programs (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/mpg/guide_menu_documentation_snp.pdf

Meeting the Whole Grain-rich Requirement for the NSLP and SBP Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/crediting/wgr_requirement_snp_grades_k-12.pdf

Noncreditable Foods for Grades K-12 in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/crediting/noncreditable_foods_snp_grades_k-12.pdf

Noncreditable Foods for the Afterschool Snack Program Meal Pattern for Grades K-12 (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/asp/noncreditable_foods_asp_grades_k-12.pdf

Noncreditable Foods in the Preschool Meal Patterns for the School Nutrition Programs (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/crediting/noncreditable_foods_snp_preschool.pdf

Questions and Answers on Alternate Protein Products (USDA):

<https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/APP-QAs-IndustryUpdated102022>

Recipe Analysis Workbook (RAW) for Standardized Recipes (USDA):

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-for-child-nutrition-programs>

Records Retention Requirements for the School Nutrition Programs (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/adminrev/records_retention_snp.pdf

Requirements for Alternate Protein Products in the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/crediting/app_requirements_snp.pdf

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Resources for the School Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/mealpattern/resources_school_meal_patterns_grades_k-12.pdf

Reviewer's Checklist for Evaluating Manufacturer Product Formulation Statements for Meat/Meat Alternates (USDA):

https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/reviewer_checklist.pdf

Tips for Evaluating a Manufacturer's Product Formulation Statement (USDA):

<https://fns-prod.azureedge.us/sites/default/files/resource-files/manufacturerPFStipsheet.pdf>

USDA Final Rule: Child Nutrition Programs: Meal Patterns Consistent with the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/04/25/2024-08098/child-nutrition-programs-meal-patterns-consistent-with-the-2020-2025-dietary-guidelines-for>

USDA Memo SP 05-2025, CACFP 04-2025, and SFSP 02-2025: Guidance for Accepting Processed Product Documentation for Meal Pattern Requirements:

<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/labeling/guidance-accepting-processed-product-documentation>

Using Product Formulation Statements in the School Nutrition Programs (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/crediting/product_formulation_statements.pdf

What's in a Meal Answer Key for Module 6 Worksheet: Reviewing Creditable Ingredients in a Product Formulation Statement (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/training/wiam/wiam_worksheet_module_6B_reviewing_pfs_creditable_ingredients_answer.pdf

What's in a Meal Module 6 Worksheet: Reviewing Creditable Ingredients in a Product Formulation Statement (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/training/wiam/wiam_worksheet_module_6B_reviewing_pfs_creditable_ingredients.pdf

What's in a Meal: National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 (CSDE's Meal Pattern Training for School Nutrition Programs webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/meal-pattern-training-materials>

When Commercial Grain Products Require a Product Formulation Statement to Credit in the School Nutrition Programs (CSDE):

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nslp/crediting/when_commercial_grain_products_require_pfs_snp.pdf

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The CSDE's *What's in a Meal* training program is a series of recorded modules that provide comprehensive guidance on complying with the meal patterns for grades K-12 in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the NSLP. To access the training modules, visit the CSDE's [Meal Pattern Training for School Nutrition Programs](#).

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