

Healthy Food Certification Participation for School Year 2019-20

School districts that choose to implement the healthy food option of Healthy Food Certification (HFC) under [Section 10-215f](#) of the Connecticut General Statutes must follow the [Connecticut Nutrition Standards](#) for all foods sold to students separately from reimbursable school meals. For school year 2019-20, 180 of the 193 eligible districts and schools (93.3 percent) are implementing the healthy food option of HFC. Eligible districts for HFC are public schools that participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Public schools include public school districts, the Connecticut Technical High School System, charter schools, interdistrict magnet schools, endowed academies, and regional educational service centers.

HFC districts that are new to HFC or have returned to HFC for school year 2019-20 are indicated in **bold**. Schools that participate in the NSLP through an interschool agreement with another school district may choose to implement the healthy food option of HFC if the sponsoring school district implements HFC. These schools are indicated under “Interschool Agreements” on page 3, with the sponsoring district indicated in parentheses.

School districts not listed have either chosen not to implement HFC or are ineligible for HFC. For more information, see the Connecticut State Department of Education’s (CSDE) [Map of Connecticut School Districts Participating in HFC](#).

Public School Districts

1. Ansonia Public Schools
2. Ashford Public Schools
3. Avon Public Schools
4. Barkhamsted Public Schools
5. Berlin Public Schools
6. Bethany Public Schools
7. Bethel Public Schools
8. Bloomfield Public Schools
9. Bolton Public Schools
10. Bozrah Public Schools
11. Branford Public Schools
12. Bridgeport Public Schools
13. Bristol Public Schools
14. Brookfield Public Schools
15. Brooklyn Public Schools
16. Canterbury Public Schools
17. Canton Public Schools
18. Chaplin Public Schools
19. Cheshire Public Schools
20. Chester Public Schools
21. Clinton Public Schools
22. Colchester Public Schools
23. Colebrook Public Schools
24. Coventry Public Schools
25. Cromwell Public Schools
26. Danbury Public Schools
27. Deep River Public Schools
28. Derby Public Schools
29. **East Haddam Public Schools**
30. East Hampton Public Schools
31. East Hartford Public Schools
32. East Haven Public Schools
33. East Lyme Public Schools
34. East Windsor Public Schools
35. Ellington Public Schools
36. Essex Public Schools
37. Fairfield Public Schools
38. Farmington Public Schools
39. Franklin Public Schools
40. Glastonbury Public Schools
41. Granby Public Schools
42. Griswold Public Schools

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Public School Districts, continued

43. Groton Public Schools
44. Guilford Public Schools
45. Hamden Public Schools
46. Hartford Public Schools
47. Hartland Public Schools
48. Hebron Public Schools
49. Kent Center School
50. Killingly Public Schools
51. Lebanon Public Schools
52. Ledyard Public Schools
53. Lisbon Public Schools
54. Litchfield Public Schools
55. Manchester Public Schools
56. Mansfield Public Schools
57. Marlborough Public Schools
58. Meriden Public Schools
59. Middletown Public Schools
60. Milford Public Schools
61. Montville Public Schools
62. Naugatuck Public Schools
63. New Britain Public Schools
64. New Hartford Public Schools
65. New Haven Public Schools
66. Newington Public Schools
67. New London Public Schools
68. New Milford Public Schools
69. Norfolk Public Schools
70. North Branford Public Schools
71. North Canaan Public Schools
72. North Haven Public Schools
73. North Stonington Lunch
74. Norwalk Public Schools
75. Norwich Public Schools
76. Old Saybrook Public Schools
77. Orange Public Schools
78. Oxford Public Schools
79. Plainfield Public Schools
80. Plainville Community Schools
81. Plymouth Public Schools
82. Portland Public Schools
83. Preston Public Schools
84. Putnam Public Schools
85. Rocky Hill Public Schools
86. Salem Public Schools
87. Salisbury Public Schools
88. Seymour Public Schools
89. **Sharon Center School**
90. Shelton Public Schools
91. Simsbury Public Schools
92. Southington Public Schools
93. South Windsor Public Schools
94. Sprague Public Schools
95. Stafford Public Schools
96. Stamford Public Schools
97. Stonington Public Schools
98. Stratford Public Schools
99. Suffield Public Schools
100. Thomaston Public Schools
101. Thompson Public Schools
102. Tolland Public Schools
103. Torrington Public Schools
104. Trumbull Public Schools
105. Vernon Public Schools
106. Voluntown Public Schools
107. Wallingford Public Schools
108. Waterbury Public Schools
109. Waterford Public Schools
110. Watertown Public Schools
111. Westbrook Public Schools
112. West Hartford Public Schools
113. West Haven Public Schools
114. Wethersfield Public Schools
115. Willington Public Schools
116. Winchester Public Schools
117. Windham Public Schools
118. Windsor Public Schools
119. Windsor Locks Public Schools
120. Wolcott Public Schools
121. Woodbridge Public Schools
122. Woodstock Public Schools

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Public School Districts, continued

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| 123. Regional District #1 | 130. Regional District #13 |
| 124. Regional District #4 | 131. Regional District #14 |
| 125. Regional District #5 | 132. Regional District #15 |
| 126. Regional District #7 | 133. Regional District #16 |
| 127. Regional District #8 | 134. Regional District #17 |
| 128. Regional District #9 | 135. Regional District #18 |
| 129. Regional District #10 | |

Magnet Schools, Charter Schools, and Regional Education Service Centers (RESCs)

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| 136. ACES | 145. Elm City College Preparatory School |
| 137. Achievement First Bridgeport Academy, Inc. | 146. Great Oaks Charter School |
| 138. Amistad Academy | 147. Highville Charter School, Inc. |
| 139. Brass City Charter School | 148. Integrated Day Charter School |
| 140. Capital Preparatory Harbor School, Inc. | 149. LEARN |
| 141. Common Ground High School | 150. Park City Prep Charter School, Inc. |
| 142. CREC | 151. Stamford Academy |
| 143. EASTCONN | 152. The Bridge Academy |
| 144. EdAdvance (formerly Education Connection) | |

Interschool Agreements

(Sponsoring district is listed in parentheses)

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| 153. ACES Thomas Edison Middle Magnet (Meriden Public Schools) | 160. CREC Academy of Aerospace & Engineering (Windsor Public Schools) |
| 154. Achievement First (Hartford Public Schools) | 161. CREC Academy of Science and Innovation (New Britain Public Schools) |
| 155. Andover Elementary School (Coventry Public Schools) | 162. CREC Discovery Academy (Wethersfield Public Schools) |
| 156. CES Cooperative Educational Services (Bridgeport Public Schools) | 163. CREC Glastonbury/East Hartford Magnet School (Glastonbury Public Schools) |
| 157. CES Six to Six Magnet School (Bridgeport Public Schools) | 164. CREC Learning Corridor Montessori Magnet (Hartford Public Schools) |
| 158. CES Special Education Center (Bridgeport Public Schools) | 165. CREC Museum Academy (Bloomfield Public Schools) |
| 159. Columbia Horace Porter School (EASTCONN) | |

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| 166. CREC Soundbridge
(Wethersfield Public Schools) | 173. Pomfret Community School
(EASTCONN) |
| 167. CREC Academy of Aerospace &
Engineering
(Rocky Hill Public Schools) | 174. Regional District #6 (EdAdvance) |
| 168. CREC Two Rivers Magnet Middle
School (East Hartford Public Schools) | 175. Regional District #11 (Chaplin
Elementary School) |
| 169. Explorations Charter School
(EdAdvance) | 176. Regional District #19: Edwin O.
Smith High School
(Mansfield Public Schools) |
| 170. Hampton Elementary School
(EASTCONN) | 177. Scotland Elementary School
(EASTCONN) |
| 171. Jumoke Academy Charter
(Hartford Public Schools) | 178. Side by Side Community Charter
(Norwalk Public Schools) |
| 172. Odyssey Community School
(Manchester Public Schools) | 179. Sterling Community School
(EASTCONN) |
| | 180. The Learning Center at East Hampton
High School
(East Hampton Public Schools) |

Changes in Participating Districts

Of the 178 districts that chose to implement the healthy food option of HFC in school year 2018-19, 174 (97.8 percent) recertified for school year 2019-20. Two districts did not recertify (New Fairfield Public Schools and Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication) and two schools missed the July 1 submission deadline for HFC schools under interschool agreements (Booker T. Washington (New Haven Public Schools) and Stamford School for Excellence (Stamford Public Schools)).

The six districts and schools listed below chose to implement the healthy food option of HFC for the first time in school year 2019-20.

- East Haddam Public Schools
- Explorations Charter School (EdAdvance)
- Great Oaks Charter School
- Odyssey Community School (Manchester Public Schools)
- Regional District #19: Edwin O. Smith High School (Mansfield Public Schools)
- Sharon Center School

The five schools listed below returned to HFC in school year 2019-20.

- Columbia Horace Porter School (EASTCONN)
- Hampton Elementary School (EASTCONN)
- Pomfret Community School (EASTCONN)

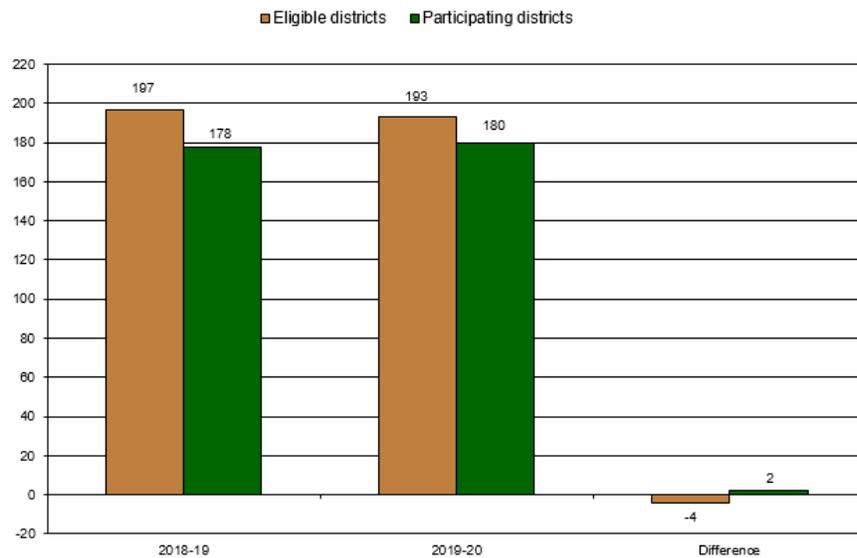
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- Scotland Elementary School (EASTCONN)
- Sterling Community School (EASTCONN)

Changes in Statewide HFC Eligibility and Participation

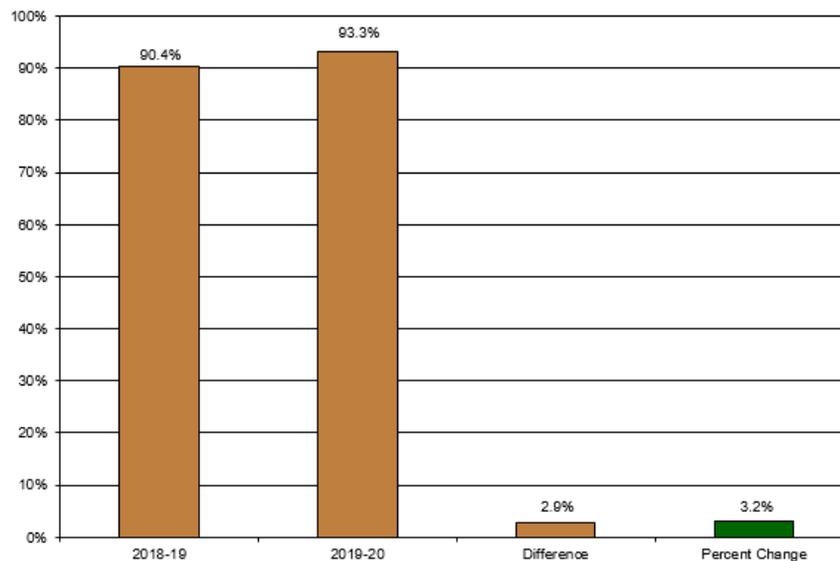
From 2018-19 to 2019-20, the number of districts that were eligible for HFC decreased from 197 to 193 districts, while the number of districts choosing to participate in the healthy food option of HFC increased from 178 to 180 districts (see figure 1).

Figure 1. Eligible versus participating HFC districts



HFC participation increased from 90.4 percent in school year 2018-19 to 93.3 percent in school year 2019-20, which is a change of 3.2 percent (see figure 2).

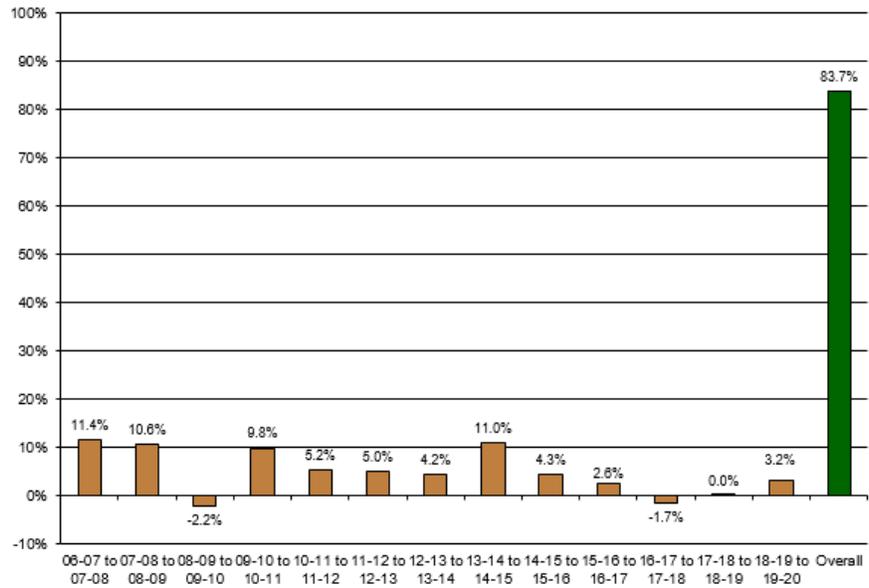
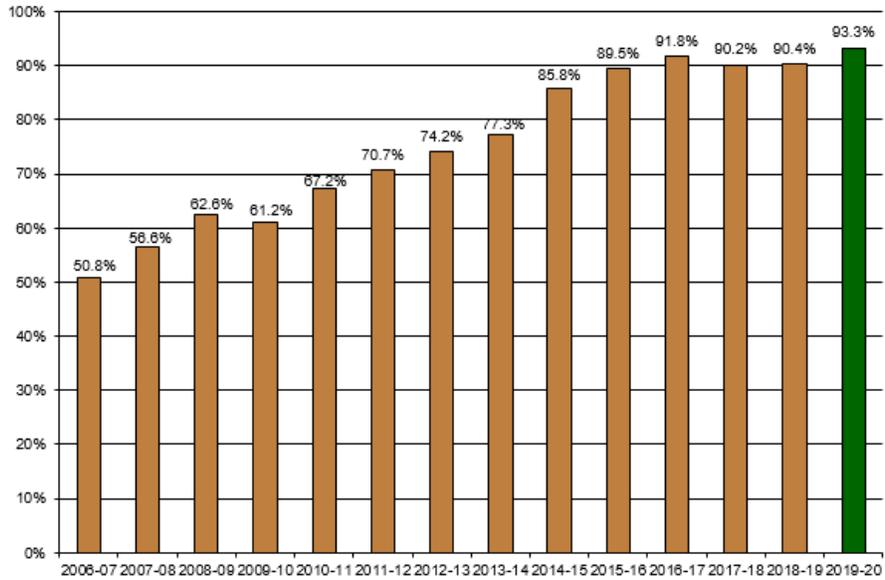
Figure 2. Change in HFC participation from 2018-19 to 2019-20



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The HFC participation rate is 93.3 percent for school year 2019-20. This is the highest HFC participation rate since HFC began. Figure 3 shows HFC participation rates since the first year of implementation (school year 2006-07). Figure 4 shows the percentage of change in the HFC participation rates since the first year of implementation.

Figure 3. HFC participation to date



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Resources

Complying with Healthy Food Certification Presentation (CSDE):

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/HFCPresentationComplying.pdf>

Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Connecticut-Nutrition-Standards>

Data on Participation in HFC for School Year 2019-20 (CSDE):

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Data/HFCdata.pdf>

Healthy Food Certification (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/Healthy-Food-Certification>

List of Acceptable Foods and Beverages (CSDE webpage):

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Nutrition/List-of-Acceptable-Foods-and-Beverages>

Map of Connecticut School Districts Participating in HFC (CSDE):

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Data/HFCmap.pdf>

Questions and Answers on Connecticut Statutes for School Foods and Beverages (CSDE):

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/CTStatutesQA.pdf>

Resources for Healthy Foods and Beverages in Schools (CSDE):

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/ResourcesHealthyFB.pdf>

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For more information, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) [Healthy Food Certification](#) webpage or contact Susan S. Fiore, M.S., R.D., Nutrition Education Coordinator, at 860-807-2075 or susan.fiore@ct.gov, Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103-1841.

This handout is available at <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Data/HFCschools.pdf>.

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