

Instructions for Completing the Authorized Signatures Change Form

The **ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs** (Agreement) is the formal agreement between a sponsoring organization and the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) to operate one or more of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Child Nutrition Programs. The Agreement designates representatives authorized to enter into an agreement with the CSDE and certifies the claims for reimbursement. The Agreement is permanent and amended as changes occur. The CSDE recognizes that one or both authorized signers will change periodically. **The sponsoring organization must execute the CSDE's *Authorized Signatures Change Form* whenever there is a change to either of the two authorized signers.**

Claims for reimbursement are valid only when certified by authorized signers on file with the CSDE. Action by the board of education must occur to make changes to authorized signers so that claims can be signed and submitted, and reimbursement delays are avoided.

Required Information

The *Authorized Signatures Change Form* must include the information below.

- **Date** of the board meeting is when the governing body of the sponsoring organization took action to change one or both authorized signers.
- **Signature 1** is the designated representative authorized to sign the Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs and to sign claims for reimbursement. The person is head of the governing body, e.g., the chief officer elected or appointed to assume legal responsibility for the organization (superintendent of schools, mayor, selectman, corporate president, chairperson of the board, pastor, or commissioner).
- **Signature 2** is authorized only to sign the claims for reimbursement in the absence or incapacity of the first designated individual (assistant superintendent, business official, principal, headmaster, city or town manager, executive director, or deputy commissioner).
- **Signature 3** certifies the board action and is not authorized to sign the claim. This must be a different person from signatures 1 and 2 (secretary of the board, town clerk, or secretary of the corporation).

Submitting to the CSDE

Scan and email the signed and dated *Authorized Signatures Change Form* to CNPermanentAgreement@ct.gov. Include "Authorized Signatures Change Form" in the subject line of the email.

Questions

Contact the CSDE's Child Nutrition Programs staff. Refer to the CSDE's document, [Child Nutrition Staff and Responsibilities](#).

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For information about the Child Nutrition Programs, visit the CSDE's [Child Nutrition Programs](#) webpage, or contact the [child 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/nsfp/forms/authorized_signatures_change_form_instructions.pdf.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. email: program.intake@usda.gov

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