

## Common Acronyms and Abbreviations for Determining Eligibility in the School Nutrition Programs and Summer Food Service Program

This document contains common acronyms and abbreviations related to determining and verifying eligibility for free and reduced-price meals and free milk in the [school nutrition programs](#) and free meals in the [Summer Food Service Program \(SFSP\)](#).

AF	TFA benefits (for direct certification)	LEA	local educational agency
AR	Administrative Review	NSLA	National School Lunch Act
ASP	Afterschool Snack Program (USDA)	NSLP	National School Lunch Program (USDA)
CEP	Community Eligibility Provision	OT	Other, e.g., foster children (for direct certification)
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	P-EBT	Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer
CN	child nutrition	RCCI	residential child care institution
CNP	Child Nutrition Programs (USDA)	RM	reduced Medicaid (for direct certification)
CSDE	Connecticut State Department of Education	S-EBT	Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer
DC	direct certification	SBP	School Breakfast Program (USDA)
DO	determining official	SFA	school food authority
DSS	Connecticut Department of Social Services	SFSP	Summer Food Service Program (USDA)
FM	free Medicaid (for direct certification)	SMP	Special Milk Program (USDA)
FNS	Food and Nutrition Service (USDA)	SNAP	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
FS	SNAP benefits (for direct certification)	SSO	Seamless Summer Option of the NSLP (USDA)
FSMC	food service management company	SY	school year (July 1 through June 30)
FY	fiscal year (federal year is October 1 through September 30)	TFA	Temporary Family Assistance
HH	household	USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
IEG	income eligibility guidelines	VO	verifying official

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For more information, visit the Connecticut State Department of Education's (CSDE) [Eligibility for Free and Reduced-price Meals and Milk in School Nutrition Programs](#) 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/nsfp/forms/freered/acronyms\\_abbreviations\\_determining\\_eligibility\\_snp\\_sfsp.pdf](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/nsfp/forms/freered/acronyms_abbreviations_determining_eligibility_snp_sfsp.pdf).

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