

**ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW SUMMARY OF SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

**School Food Authority (SFA) Operations:Ridgefield Public Schools**

- Self-operated       Food Service Management Company Contract

**Date of Administrative Review (Entrance Conference Date):**

**GENERAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION**

1. What Child Nutrition Programs does the SFA participate in? *(Check all that apply)*

- School Breakfast Program (7 CFR 220)
- National School Lunch Program (7 CFR 210)
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (P.L. 113-79 Section 19)
- Afterschool Snack Program (7 CFR 210)
- Special Milk Program (7 CFR 215)
- Seamless Summer Option (7 CFR 210)

2. Does the SFA operate under any Special Provisions?

- No       Yes *(Check all that apply)*
  - Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)
  - Special Provision 1
  - Special Provision 2
  - Special Provision 3

**REVIEW FINDINGS**

3. Were any findings identified during the SFA’s review?

- No       Yes: Indicate below the areas and issues identified.

A. MEAL ACCESS AND REIMBURSEMENT	
Findings for Certification and Benefit Issuance	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 15%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                     </div> <div style="width: 85%;"> <p><b>Findings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Free and reduced application processing compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Household eligibility notification compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Direct certification procedure compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Benefit issuance document compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</li> </ul> <p><b>Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance provided to SFA</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Corrective action received by CSDE</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Corrective action approved by CSDE</li> </ul> <p><i>For information on certification and benefit issuance, review the USDA’s <a href="#">Eligibility Manual for School Meals</a>.</i></p> </div> </div>

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**REVIEW FINDINGS, continued**

**A. MEAL ACCESS AND REIMBURSEMENT, continued**

**Verification of Household Applications**

Not applicable (sponsor does not collect free and reduced meal applications)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Verification process compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Household verification letter compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Verification benefit issuance document compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</li> </ul> <p><b>CSDE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance provided to SFA</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Corrective action received by CSDE</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Corrective action approved by CSDE</li> </ul> <p><i>For information on verification, visit the CSDE's <a href="#">Verification Procedures for School Nutrition Programs</a> webpage.</i></p>
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**Meal Counting and Claiming**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Meal counting and claiming compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Edit Check compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Counting, consolidating, and recording of reimbursable meals compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Policy compliance for incomplete meals, second meals, visiting student meals, adult and non-student meals, student worker meals, a la carte items, field trip meals, or pre-paid meals</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</li> </ul> <p><b>CSDE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance provided to SFA</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Corrective action received by CSDE</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Corrective action approved by CSDE</li> </ul> <p><i>For information on meal counting and claiming, visit the CSDE's <a href="#">Meal Counting and Claiming</a> webpage.</i></p>
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**B. MEAL PATTERN AND NUTRITIONAL QUALITY**

<b>Meal Components and Quantities</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meal pattern compliance (whole grain-rich, vegetable subgroups, milk type):                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lunch</li> </ul> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meal component compliance                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lunch</li> </ul> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sufficient quantities/complete meal compliance                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lunch</li> </ul> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Production record compliance                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lunch</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</li> </ul> <p><b>CSDE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance provided to SFA</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action received by CSDE</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action approved by CSDE</li> </ul> <p><i>For information on the USDA meal pattern requirements, visit the CSDE's <a href="#">Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 in School Nutrition Programs</a> and <a href="#">Meal Patterns for Preschoolers in School Nutrition Programs</a> webpage.</i></p>

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**B. MEAL PATTERN AND NUTRITIONAL QUALITY, continued**

Offer versus Serve (OVS)		
<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meal selection compliance under OVS                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lunch</li> </ul> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reimbursable meal compliance under OVS                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lunch</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Food service staff/cashier knowledge of OVS compliance                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lunch</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Student knowledge of OVS compliance                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lunch</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</li> </ul> <p><b>CSDE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance provided to SFA</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action received by CSDE</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action approved by CSDE</li> </ul> <p><i>For information on OVS, visit the CSDE's <a href="#">OVS for Grades K-12 in School Nutrition Programs</a> webpage.</i></p>
Dietary Specifications and Nutrient Analysis		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nutrient analysis <b>not required</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient analysis conducted                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lunch</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</li> </ul> <p><b>CSDE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance provided to SFA</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Corrective action received by CSDE</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Corrective action approved by CSDE</li> </ul> <p><i>For information on the USDA dietary specifications, visit the CSDE's <a href="#">Meal Patterns for Grades K-12 in School Nutrition Programs</a> webpage.</i></p>

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<b>C. GENERAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE</b>		
<b>Civil Rights (FNS Instruction 113-1)</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Nondiscrimination statement compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Accommodating special dietary needs compliance</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written complaint procedure compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Civil rights training compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</li> </ul> <p><b>CSDE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance provided to SFA</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action received by CSDE</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action approved by CSDE</li> </ul> <p><i>For information on the USDA civil rights requirements, visit the CSDE's <a href="#">Civil Rights for Child Nutrition Programs</a> webpage.</i></p>
<b>Local School Wellness Policy</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wellness policy compliance</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</li> </ul> <p><b>CSDE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance provided to SFA</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Corrective action received by CSDE</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Corrective action approved by CSDE</li> </ul> <p><i>For information on school wellness policies, visit the CSDE's <a href="#">School Wellness Policies</a> webpage.</i></p>

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**C. GENERAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE. continued**

**Smart Snacks in Schools**

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foods and beverages sold on the school campus (excluding reimbursable meals) are Smart Snacks compliant</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><b>CSDE:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance provided to SFA</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action received by CSDE</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action approved by CSDE</p> <p><i>For information on Smart Snacks, visit the CSDE's <a href="#">Smart Snacks Nutrition Standards</a> webpage.</i></p>
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**Food Safety, Storage and Buy American**

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Safety Plan compliance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Safety inspections compliance</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buy American Provision compliance</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><b>CSDE:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance provided to SFA</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action received by CSDE</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action approved by CSDE</p> <p><i>For information on food safety, visit the CSDE's <a href="#">Food Safety for Child Nutrition Programs</a> webpage. For information on the Buy American requirements, review the USDA's <a href="#">USDA Memo 38-2017, Questions and Answers on Buy American Provision</a>.</i></p>
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**Other Areas**

<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<p><b>Findings:</b></p> <p><b>Other: Professional Standards; SFSP Outreach; Revenue from Nonprogram Foods</b></p> <p><b>CSDE:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance provided to SFA</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action received by CSDE</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrective action approved by CSDE</p>
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Additional Comments:

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