

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE APPROVED LIST  
FOR SCHOOL FOOD AUTHORITY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES**

“Equipment” means an article of nonexpendable, tangible personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost, which equals or exceeds the lesser of the capitalization level established by the school food authority (SFA) for financial statement purposes, or \$5,000. If desired equipment is not listed, contact your county technical support consultant. *Any used equipment with a purchase price over \$5,000 requires CSDE approval.*

<b>Equipment Approved for Purchase</b>	
<p><b>Countertop Equipment</b>                      Commercial griddle                      Commercial microwaves                      Electric food slicers                      Commercial toasters                      Induction cookers                      Commercial food processors/choppers/dicers                      Commercial food blenders                      Commercial food cutters                      Commercial smoothie blender</p> <p><b>Dishwasher –Sinks and Supplies</b>                      Under counter commercial dishwasher                      Conveyor dishwasher                      Door type commercial dishwasher                      Waste disposal (garbage disposal)                      Commercial sinks                      Water heater booster                      Dish table                      Floor troughs</p> <p><b>Commercial Food Mixers</b>                      Commercial countertop mixers                      Floor mixer                      Vertical cutter mixer                      Planetary mixer</p> <p><b>Carts</b>                      Tray station                      Tray truck                      Tray delivery cart                      Tray dispenser                      Condiment cart/bar</p>	<p><b>Commercial Ice Machines</b>                      Ice machine                      Tumble chiller                      Cook chill kettles                      Cooling tower</p> <p><b>Commercial Ranges and Ovens (All Types)</b>                      Combi-ovens (small and large)                      Convection ovens                      Commercial cooktops and ranges                      Commercial convection ovens                      Cook and hold ovens                      Braiser/tilting skillets                      Tilting kettles                      Kitchen exhaust systems/ hoods                      Pizza oven                      Char broiler</p> <p><b>Refrigerators</b>                      Pass (walk)-through refrigerators                      Drop-in/reach-in refrigerators                      Solid door reach-in refrigerators                      Milk coolers                      Walk-in coolers                      Refrigerated prep tables                      Refrigerated buffet tables                      Under-counter refrigerators                      Worktop refrigerators                      Glass door or open-front refrigerators (for displaying food or beverages)</p>

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**Holding and Proofing Cabinets**

Holding cabinets, stationary and mobile  
Proofing cabinets  
Low temperature holding cabinet  
Hot food storage cabinets  
Pass-through warmer

**Commercial Work Tables**

Enclosed base commercial work table  
Poly top work table  
Stainless steel work tables with under shelf

**Miscellaneous**

Aerators  
Compressors  
Computer hardware, e.g., CPU, monitor,  
keypads  
Point of service hardware, e.g., scanners,  
keypads  
Condensers  
Electronic menu boards  
Grease pumps  
Vending machines for reimbursable meals  
Washers and dryers (for use by food service  
only)  
Delivery car or truck for food/supply  
transport between schools (for use by  
food service only)

**Processing/Packaging**

Dough presses  
Muffin depositors  
Cookie depositors  
Packaging machines  
Shrink wrap machine  
Tray sealer machine

**Freezers**

Commercial chest freezers  
Solid door reach-in freezers  
Walk-in freezers  
Worktop freezers  
Under counter freezers  
Blast chiller/freezer

**Steam Tables**

Electric steam tables  
Gas steam tables  
Steam table serving shelves  
Convection steamers  
Commercial steamers

**Cold Food Tables**

Serving bars with guards  
Refrigerated buffet tables/salad bars  
Sandwich/salad prep tables

**Food Warmers**

Countertop food warmers  
Drawer warmers  
Soup kettles  
Drop-in food warmer

## RESOURCES

7 CFR 200: *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards:*

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-12-26/pdf/2013-30465.pdf>

7 CFR 210: *National School Lunch Program:*

[www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/7cfr210\\_09.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/7cfr210_09.pdf)

*Equipment Purchase Approval Request Form (CSDE):*

[www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/word\\_docs/deps/nutrition/forms/equipform.doc](http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/word_docs/deps/nutrition/forms/equipform.doc)

*Equipment Purchase Prior Approval Process (CSDE):*

[www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/deps/nutrition/nslp/equipapprove.pdf](http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/deps/nutrition/nslp/equipapprove.pdf)

USDA Memo SP 39-2016: *State Agency Prior Approval Process for School Food Authority (SFA) Equipment Purchases:*

[www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/cn/SP39\\_CACFP11\\_SFSP13\\_2016os.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/cn/SP39_CACFP11_SFSP13_2016os.pdf)



For information on school nutrition programs, see the CSDE's [School Nutrition Programs](#) webpage or contact the [school nutrition programs](#) staff in the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 504, Hartford, CT 06103.

*This handout is available at*  
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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;*
- (2) *fax: (202) 690-7442; or*
- (3) *email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).*

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