

Overview of Connecticut Healthier U.S. Schools Challenge (HUSSC) Grant

The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) received a HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSSC) grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the period of September 30, 2013 through September 30, 2015. The HUSSC is a voluntary USDA initiative to recognize those schools participating in the National School Lunch Program that have created healthier school environments through promotion of nutrition and physical activity.

The goal of Connecticut's HUSSC grant is to create healthier school environments by increasing the number of Connecticut schools that apply for and meet the HUSSC criteria. The CSDE will accomplish this goal by:

- increasing statewide awareness among schools and community partners; and
- providing schools with the training, resources and technical assistance needed to successfully implement nutrition standards, nutrition education and physical activity.

Connecticut's HUSSC grant focuses on training and technical assistance to help schools successfully complete the HUSSC application. Activities include a statewide webinar in early winter 2014 and regional workgroups beginning in spring 2014.

This grant will be implemented by the CSDE in collaboration with the State Education Resource Center (SERC). For more information, please contact:

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For more information on Connecticut's HUSSC grant, see the CSDE's [Connecticut Team Nutrition](#) Web page. For more information on HUSSC, see the USDA's [HUSSC](#) Web site and the CSDE's [HUSSC in Connecticut](#) Web page.

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