**Back of the House Software Procurement Template**

This draft language can be utilized by districts in formal procurements for back of the house software (menu planning, inventory, ordering, etc.) to ensure that the software they adopt supports the import and export of GDSN Connect data files.

GDSN Draft Language

[District] follows USDA guidance in the [USDA Menu Planner for School Meals](https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/13788/download?attachment) document: “*Your procurement program should request GTIN technology during the solicitation process. Regardless of whether you have an electronic inventory system, include GTIN numbers in your inventory management.”* (Chapter 5 Procurement and Inventory Management page 191).

[District] utilizes inTEAM’s [GDSN Connect](https://e-inteam.com/gdsnconnect/) software to access the [Nourish to Flourish Database](https://e-inteam.com/n2f-standards/) containing [GTINs](https://www.gs1.org/standards/id-keys/gtin) to electronically download product information for use in streamlining day-to-day operations and administrative reviews. This product information includes, but is not limited to, meal pattern credits, servings per pack, nutrients, allergens, and ingredients. To allow [District] to keep its vital electronic data up to date, the awarded software application must support the import of GDSN Connect data files as described within the [GDSN Connect Data Export Specifications](https://e-inteam.com/gdsn-connect-data-export/).

URLs Used in TEMPLATE

USDA Menu Planner for School Meals: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/media/13788/download?attachment>

GDSN Connect: <https://e-inteam.com/gdsnconnect/>

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