

## ALABAMA CHILD NUTRITION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS



The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) establishes the minimum national standards that schools participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), and other federal meal programs must meet in order to obtain reimbursement. However, states can provide additional requirements and standards for school nutrition programs. Below is a snapshot of the policies for Alabama. Also included are resources on the State legislature to assist SNA members interested in making an impact as the State crafts future policies. More information on Alabama can be found with the [State Agency](#) or by viewing the latest data available from [USDA](#).

### Current and Recent Legislation

- Alabama did not introduce legislation impacting school nutrition in 2013-2015.

### School Meal Policies

- Alabama does not mandate participation in federal school meals programs.
- The State does not provide additional per meal reimbursement, but does provide 100% of the cost of employee fringe benefits.
- A [2005 policy](#) provides basic requirements for education and training for school nutrition professionals.

### Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

- All food based fundraisers in Alabama must be Smart Snacks compliant.

### Farm to School

- A bill passed in 2012 promotes coordination and procurement procedures to ease purchase of local goods for and by schools. The text of the bill can be located [here](#).

### The Alabama Legislature

- It meets for a yearly 30 business day session.
- The rules for lobbying in Alabama can be found [here](#).