

ALASKA 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 Alaska. 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 Alaska can be found with the [State agency](#) or by viewing the latest data available from [USDA](#).

Current and Recent Legislation

- In 2013, Alaska enacted legislation focused on local foods. The State Senate introduced language to provide additional funding per meals in 2013 and 2014.
- In 2015, the House considered language expanding Smart Snacks exempt fundraisers.

School Meal Policies

- Alaska does not mandate participation in federal school meals programs.
- The State does not provide additional per meal reimbursement.

Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

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

Farm to School

- A [2010 bill](#) established an inter-government committee to promote Farm to School programs.

The Alaska Legislature

- A Legislature consists of two regular sessions lasting no longer than 90 consecutive calendar days from the day it convenes, except the session may be extended once for up to 10 days by a 2/3 vote of each house. Special sessions are called by the Governor or by the Legislature and are limited to 30 calendar days.
- The rules for lobbying in Alaska can be found [here](#).

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