

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

Current and Recent Legislation

- In 2013 and 2014, a bill to set nutritional standards was introduced, but did not advance.
- A bill adjusting the allowable amount of fundraisers was signed into law in 2015.

School Meal Policies

- Arizona mandates that all K-8 schools participate in NSLP. There is no mandate for breakfast.
- The state does not provide additional per meal reimbursement, but provides non-meal support.
- In 2009, the state adopted [Health Education](#) Standards, which includes nutrition education.

Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

- Arizona allows waivers for fundraisers.

Farm to School

- Arizona does not have a Farm to School policy.

The Arizona State Legislature

- It meets for a yearly 90 business day session.
- The rules for lobbying in Arizona can be found [here](#).