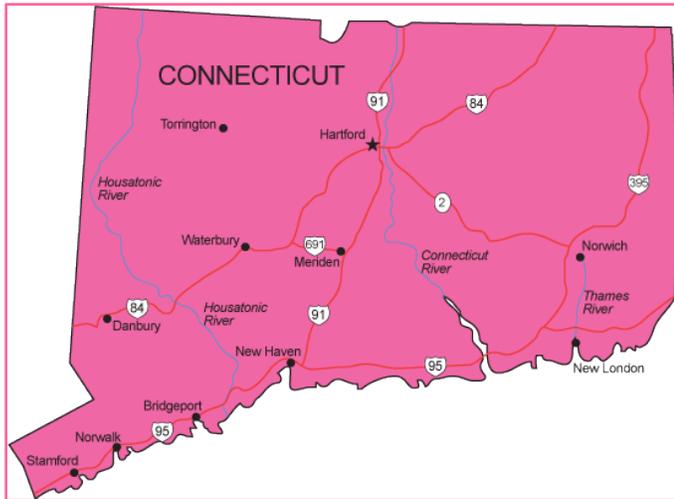


CONNECTICUT CHILD NUTRITION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS



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 Connecticut. 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 Connecticut can be found with the [State agency](#) or

by viewing the latest data available from [USDA](#).

Current and Recent Legislation

- In 2013, the state passed legislation establishing a task force on child obesity.
- In 2014, the Governor vetoed a bill that would have banned chocolate milk.
- In 2015, a bill addressing marketing of foods in schools failed to move out of the General Assembly.

School Meal Policies

- Connecticut does not mandate participation in a lunch program, but does require SBP in severe need schools.
- The State provides an additional \$.10 per lunch to schools that serve NSLP and an average of \$.045 for each breakfast.
- The [position](#) of the State Board of Education is that schools should provide curriculum time for nutrition education.
- The state requires that a school provide a [lunch period](#) of at least 20 minutes.
- The state provides guidelines to schools for managing food bases allergies.

Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

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

Farm to School

- The CT Department of Agriculture is tasked with engaging with farms to provide local produce to schools.

The Connecticut General Assembly

- Regular sessions are held from January to June in odd-numbered years, and from February to May in even-numbered years.
- The rules for lobbying in Connecticut can be found [here](#).

*For more information on state and national policies, contact SNA's Government Affairs and Media Relations Center.
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