

## DELAWARE 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 Delaware. 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 Delaware can be found with the [State Agency](#) or by viewing the latest data available from [USDA](#).

### Current and Recent Legislation

- Delaware has passed no legislation on child nutrition issues in recent years.

### School Meal Policies

- Delaware does not mandate participation in federal school meals programs.
- The state does not provide additional per meal reimbursement, but does provide 70% of school food authority salaries.

- A 2004 regulation requires nutrition education in schools and have adequate time to eat (adequate is not defined).

### Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

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

### Farm to School

- A 2010 Memorandum was signed between the Departments of Education and Agriculture to promote local produce in Delaware schools.

### Delaware General Assembly

- The General Assembly meets yearly from January until June.
- The rules for lobbying in Delaware can be found [here](#).