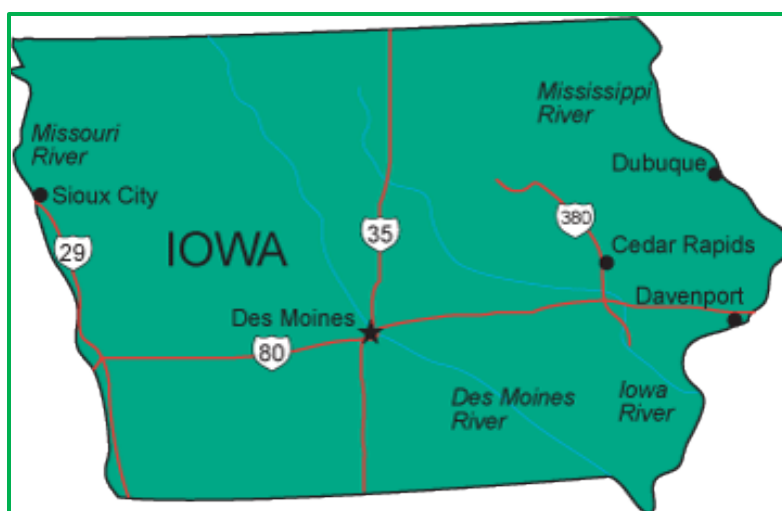


## IOWA CHILD NUTRITION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

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



### Current and Recent Legislation

- In 2013, a bill on documenting whether schools provide breakfast was introduced.
- No legislation was introduced in 2014 or 2015.

### School Meal Policies

- Iowa does not mandate schools provide a lunch to students.
- The state provides an additional three cents per meal served for both lunch

and breakfast.

- The state model wellness policies advocates for nutrition education at all grade levels.
- School food service workers are encouraged to attend continuing education programs.

### Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

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

### Farm to School

- The Farm to School program was founded by legislation in 2007.

### The Iowa Legislature

- It meets from January until May each year.
- The rules for lobbying in Iowa 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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