

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

### Current and Recent Legislation

- In 2014, legislation was introduced to allow for schools to serve breakfast on snow days.

- There was no legislation introduced in 2015.

### School Meal Policies

- Kentucky does not mandate participation in federal school meals programs.
- The state does not provide additional per meal reimbursement.
- Since 2010, the state requires instruction for students in all grades that focuses on nutrition including identifying the basic food groups, selecting healthy snacks, forming proper eating habits and choosing appropriate servings.
- A school food service director must obtain the Level 2 certificate issued by SNA within 3 years.
- Each district must reassess its wellness policy yearly.

### Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

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

### Farm to School

- There is Kentucky state policy on Farm to School.

### The Kentucky General Assembly

- The General Assembly meets annually, convening on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January. In even-numbered years, sessions may not last more than 60 legislative days, and cannot extend beyond April 15. In odd-numbered years, sessions may not last more than 30 legislative days, and cannot extend beyond March 30.
- The rules for lobbying in Kentucky can be found [here](#).

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