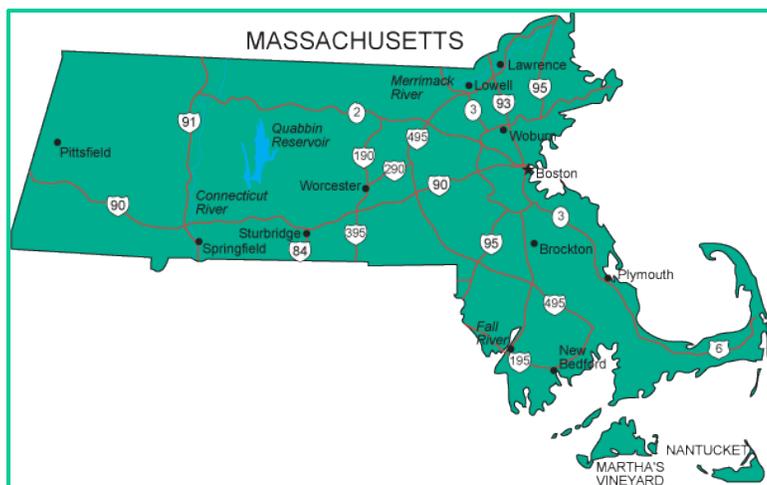


MASSACHUSETTS CHILD NUTRITION POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

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

Current and Recent Legislation

- Language on healthy options in vending machines was introduced in 2013 and 2014.
- 2013 saw numerous bills on increasing physical activity in schools.
- An act to increase participation in CACFP and summer meals programs was introduced in both Chambers in 2015.
- Also in 2015 was a bill promoting healthy choices, which included funds for equipment was introduced but did not move out of the Education Committee.

School Meal Policies

- Massachusetts does mandate participation in school meals programs.
- The State does not provide additional per meal reimbursement at lunch, but does provide on average \$.09 for breakfast.
- The State requires a local wellness policy that is updated every three years.

Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

- All food based fundraisers in Massachusetts must be Smart Snacks compliant.
- The state's competitive food policy has been in place since 2010 and currently contains sections that are stricter than the Smart Snack requirements.

Farm to School

- A 2010 bill provided a purchasing program for local produce in schools.

The Massachusetts General Court

- The General Court meets year round.
- The rules for lobbying in Massachusetts 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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