

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



Current and Recent Legislation

- Michigan did not introduce child nutrition language in 2013 or 2014.
- In 2015, the legislature passed a bill altering the state's policy on Smart Snack fundraisers.

School Meal Policies

- Michigan mandates schools participate in a school meals programs for lunch and breakfast if over 20% free/reduced.
- The State does not provide additional per meal reimbursement,

but does provide additional assistance in running a school nutrition program.

- The state requires basic nutrition education, primarily in elementary schools.
- Michigan requires schools provide adequate time to eat, but does not define adequate.

Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

- In 2015, the legislature took up legislation to alter the fundraiser policy to allow two Smart Snacks exempt events per week/per school.

Farm to School

- In 2008, Michigan passed a Farm to School Procurement Act.

The Michigan Legislature

- The Michigan legislature meets year round with full time legislators and staff.
- The rules for lobbying in Michigan can be found [here](#).