

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

### Current and Recent Legislation

- Missouri passed legislation adjusting the state funding formula to include schools utilizing Community Eligibility Provision in 2014.
- In 2015, the Senate passed a resolution encouraging the U.S. Congress to provide flexibility under the Child Nutrition Act.
- Also in 2015, the House voted on a bill to increase Smart Snack exempt fundraisers, but

there was no Senate version.

### School Meal Policies

- Missouri does not mandate participation in the NSLP but does require that schools provide breakfast in schools with 35% free/reduced.
- The State does not provide additional per meal reimbursement.
- A 2009 curriculum policy recommends providing nutrition education in elementary schools.
- Schools are required to have a policy address life-threatening food allergies.

### Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

- Missouri allows for five non-compliant food based fundraisers per school building.

### Farm to School

- A 2014 bill expands the state's Farm to School Program.

### The Missouri General Assembly

- The General Assembly meets from January until the end of May.
- The rules for lobbying in Missouri 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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