

MONTANA 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 Montana. 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 Montana can be found with

the [State agency](#) or by viewing the latest data available from [USDA](#).



Current and Recent Legislation

- Montana introduced language in 2013 regarding a farm to school program, but it died in committee.
- There were no bills in 2014 or 2015.

School Meal Policies

- Montana does not mandate participation in federal school meals programs.
- The State does not provide additional per meal reimbursement.
- The Montana Office of Public Instruction encourages schools to create pleasant and positive mealtimes through implementing a recess before lunch schedule and allowing adequate time to eat.

Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

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

Farm to School

- Montana Office of Public Instruction provides support for Farm to School initiatives.

The Montana Legislature

- The legislature meet in regular session for no longer than 90 days in each odd-numbered year. It does not meet during even years.
- The rules for lobbying in Montana 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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