

## NEBRASKA 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 Nebraska. 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 Nebraska can be found with the [State agency](#) or by viewing the latest data

available from [USDA](#).

### Current and Recent Legislation

- In 2013, a bill to study the school breakfast program died in committee. A similar bill was introduced in 2014.
- In 2015, the state passed legislation including CEP schools for school funding options.

### School Meal Policies

- Nebraska does not mandate participation in federal school meals programs.
- The state does provide a penny per lunch served and five cents per breakfast served.

### Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

- Nebraska allows two non- Smart Snacks compliment fundraisers per organization, per semester.

### Farm to School

- While there is no official policy in Nebraska, several agencies support a strong network of farm to school programs.

### The Nebraska Legislature

- Nebraska is a unicameral system and sessions of the Nebraska Legislature last for 90 working days in odd-numbered years and 60 working days in even-numbered years.
- The rules for lobbying in Nebraska can be found [here](#).

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