

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

Current and Recent Legislation

- The State routinely introduces numerous bills on improving options on school meal programs. However, no bills have recently passed.

School Meal Policies

- New York does not mandate schools have a lunch program, but high need schools must offer breakfast.
- The state does provide additional meal reimbursements for both breakfast and lunch.
- All schools are required to maintain an allergy policy for students with severe food allergies and maintain response training.

Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

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

Farm to School

- State policy has mandated a farm to school program since 2002.

The New York State Assembly

- The New York Assembly meets for a full year.
- The rules for lobbying in New York can be found [here](#).