

NORTH DAKOTA 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 North Dakota. 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 North Dakota 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 provide funding for juice or milk in elementary schools failed.
- There was no legislation in 2014 or 2015.

School Meal Policies

- North Dakota does not mandate participation in federal school meals programs.
- The State does not provide additional per meal reimbursement.
- Guidance from 2008 provides content for nutrition education for grades 5-8.
- Food service professionals are required to maintain training in food safety.

Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

- North Dakota allows three non-Smart Snacks compliant fundraisers per building per year.

Farm to School

- While there is no official state policy, the state government does support a network of local farmers.

The North Dakota Legislative Assembly

- The State legislature meets for 80 days every other year.
- The rules for lobbying in North Dakota 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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