

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

Current and Recent Legislation

- A bill to change the state oversight agency from Education to Agriculture was introduced in 2014, but failed to advance.
- No legislation was introduced in 2015.

School Meal Policies

- Oklahoma does not mandate participation in federal school meals programs.
- The State does provide some additional financial assistance, but the amount varies each year.

Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

- As of October 2014, the State Board of Education will allow up to 30 exempted fundraisers per school, which can each last up to 14 days.

Farm to School

- The Oklahoma Department of Education established a Farm to School program in 2006.

The Oklahoma Legislature

- It meets from February until May, for no longer than 160 days.
- The rules for lobbying in Oklahoma can be found [here](#).