

## SOUTH CAROLINA 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 South Carolina. 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 South Carolina can be found with the [State agency](#)

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

### Current and Recent Legislation

- In 2013 and 2014, the legislature took up language on competitive food policies.
- In 2015, the State Senate introduced a bill on physical education and nutrition standards. Also introduced was a bill clarifying that schools can make stricter nutrition standards.

### School Meal Policies

- South Carolina does mandate schools offer a lunch program and requires SBP.
- The State does not provide additional per meal reimbursement.
- Health education class must include a week of nutrition.
- Since 2005, South Carolina requires each school district to establish and maintain a Coordinated School Health Advisory Council.
- The State requires 20 minutes for lunch time.

### Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

- In SY 2015–16, schools may have up to 30 exempted fundraising events per school, not to exceed 3 days in length. Each following year, the length will decrease.

### Farm to School

- A 2013 statute establishes the South Carolina Fresh on the Campus Program within the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.

### The South Carolina Legislature

- Meets yearly from January until the end of May.
- The rules for lobbying in South Carolina 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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