

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

Current and Recent Legislation

- In 2015, a bill to opt the state out of Federal Nutrition guidelines was defeated.
- There was no legislation introduced in 2013 or

2014.

School Meal Policies

- Utah does not mandate participation in federal school meals programs.
- The State does not provide additional per meal reimbursement, but does use proceeds from liquor sales to fund nutrition programs.
- A 2009 bill requires all students receive training in benefits of healthy foods.
- The State requires adequate time to eat, without defining adequate.

Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

- Schools may allow three Smart Snacks exempted fundraisers per site, per year, lasting no more than five days.

Farm to School

- Utah does not have an official Farm to School Policy.

The Utah Legislature

- Meets for a yearly 45 business day session.
- The rules for lobbying in Utah can be found [here](#).