

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



Current and Recent Legislation

- In 2013, the Governor signed into law a bill covering the \$.40 co-pay for reduced price lunch.
- In 2015, a bill limiting marketing of certain foods and beverages on school grounds was introduced.

School Meal Policies

- Vermont mandates participation in federal school meals programs.
- Vermont covers the cost of the co-pay for both reduced lunch (\$.40) and breakfast (\$.30).
- All wellness policies must include nutrition and fitness elements.

Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

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

Farm to School

- A 2006 bill established a local foods grant program for the purpose of helping Vermont schools to develop relationships with local farmers and producers.

The Vermont Legislature

- Meets yearly from early January until the beginning of May.
- The rules for lobbying in Vermont can be found [here](#).