

WEST VIRGINIA 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 West Virginia. 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 West Virginia 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 the “Feed to Achieve Act” as well as bill training school cafeteria workers in use of epi-pens.
- A bill altering the cook per meals ratio in schools was introduced in 2014 and 2015.
- Also in 2015, a bill was introduced that would require school nutrition programs to offer take home meals.

School Meal Policies

- West Virginia does not mandate participation in NSLP, but requires a breakfast program if the student body is 40% free and reduced.
- The State does not provide additional per meal reimbursement.
- A 2001 bill requires all school nutrition professionals have at least a high school diploma and mandates professional training. Directors must receive authorization from the Department of Education and complete 15 hours of training a year.
- A 2005 bill requires 10 minutes for breakfast consumption and 20 minutes for lunch.

Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

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

Farm to School

- There is no official West Virginia Policy on Farm to School.

The West Virginia Legislature

- The legislature convenes in February and cannot be in session beyond 60 days.
- The rules for lobbying in West Virginia can be found [here](#).

For more information on state and national policies, contact SNA's Government Affairs and Media Relations Center.

As of 4/21/2015