

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

### Current and Recent Legislation

- Language to require food nutrition professionals receive certain food safety certifications failed in 2014, but was reintroduced in 2015 and became law.
- Also in 2015, a bill to increase state funding

for breakfast to \$.30 was introduced as well as a bill to provide additional funds for Farm to School purchases.

- A bill to provide additional funds for Farm to School grants was voted down in 2014.

### School Meal Policies

- Wisconsin does not mandate participation in federal school meals programs.
- The State provides an additional \$.04 cents for lunch and an additional \$.09 for breakfast.
- Starting in school year 2015-2016, school nutrition professionals must hold certificates on food protection practices.

### Competitive Foods/Smart Snacks Fundraisers

- Wisconsin allows two fundraisers per year per organization that do not meet the Smart Snacks standards.

### Farm to School

- Wisconsin has an established policy that provides nutritional education as well as grants to expand Farm to School programs.

### The Wisconsin Legislature

- The Wisconsin Legislature meets year round.
- The rules for lobbying in Wisconsin 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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