



# UNIVERSAL SCHOOL MEALS

As universal school meals come to an end, state governments have been working to expand kids' access to free school meals. The following five states have implemented universal meals programs:

## **California**

[AB 130](#) establishes the California Universal Meals Program

**Approved by Governor 7/09/2021.**

## **Maine**

[LD 1679](#) "An Act to Address Student Hunger through Expanding Access to Free School Meals"

**Signed into law by Governor 5/03/2022.**

## **Massachusetts**

[FY2023 Budget](#), the House included \$110 million dollars to extend free school meals for public school students through the summer of 2023.

**Signed by Governor 7/28/2022.**

## **Nevada**

[The Nevada Legislature Interim Finance Committee](#) approved up to [\\$75 million of American Rescue Plan Act funds](#) to fill the gap for students attending schools participating in the National School Lunch Program, who would now be required to pay the reduced or full price for a school.

**Approved by the Interim Finance Committee 6/21/2022.**

## **Vermont**

[S. 100](#) provides universal school breakfast and lunch for all public school students at no cost to the students or their families with funding provided to school districts from the Education Fund. The bill also establishes a task force whose purpose is to advise the legislature on how to make school food programs universally available to all public school students at no cost to the students or their families. The task force is required to submit their recommendation by no later than the 2026-27 school year.

**Signed into law by Governor 5/31/2022.**