

State Healthy School Meals for All Legislation

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State	Bill Language	Description	Meals Covered	Applicable Schools --- Required or mandatory	Included in Governor Budget	Status
Arizona	HB 2238	Provide free breakfasts and lunches to pupils in kindergarten programs and grades one through twelve in each charter school and school district Investment estimated at \$106,000,000 from the state general fund	Breakfast & lunch	Pupils in K-12 in each charter school and school district	No	Bill has been introduced
California Coalition website: www.schoolmealsforall.org	CA AB 130, the Education finance: education omnibus budget trailer bill AB 558 School meals: Child Nutrition Act of 2022	The legislation solidifies the Universal Meal Program and provides funding for school kitchen equipment upgrades, food service staff training, and the Farm to School Program. The legislation also requires eligible schools to apply for federal provisions to maximize reimbursements.	Breakfast & lunch	Required	No	Permanent policy passed Start date: SY 2022-2023 Legislation has passed and is being implemented.

<p>Colorado</p> <p>Coalition website: www.yesonff.org</p>	<p>Ballot language available here</p> <p>Referred state statute language available here (HB22-1414)</p>	<p>Colorado Proposition FF, the Reduce Income Tax Deduction Amounts to Fund School Meals Program Measure, was on the ballot in Colorado as a legislatively referred state statute.</p>	<p>Breakfast & lunch</p>	<p>Voluntary</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Permanent policy passed (Prop FF passed Nov. 8, 2022)</p> <p>Start date: SY 2023-2024</p>
<p>Connecticut</p> <p>Coalition website: www.schoolmealsforallct.org</p>		<p>For the 2022-2023 school year, Connecticut allocated \$30 million for school districts to serve free breakfast and lunch to all students. This was made possible through American Rescue Plan dollars. Funding for free meals ran out for many districts a few months into the school year.</p> <p>Bills are planned for the 2023 legislative session to provide more funding for free school meals for the 2022-2023 school year and a bill to make free school meals for all a permanent part of the school day.</p>			<p>No</p>	<p>American Rescue Plan dollars were invested in free school meals for the 2022-2023 school year.</p> <p>HSMFA legislative language for 2023 session currently being drafted</p>
<p>DC</p>	<p>Universal School Meals Amendment Act of 2023</p>	<p>This legislation would provide free universal school breakfast, lunch, and after-school snacks to students in public, charter, and participating private schools in the District of</p>	<p>Breakfast & lunch & afterschool snacks</p>	<p>Public school, public charter school and participating private</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Bill has been introduced</p>

		<p>Columbia beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.</p> <p>The D.C. Food Policy Council estimated that this legislation would likely be an investment of \$8 million annually, as 86% of the cost for this bill would be covered by already existing federal and local reimbursements.</p>		school students		
Hawaii	HB 540 HB 620	Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, requires the department of education to provide free lunch to all enrolled students. Appropriates funds.	Breakfast & lunch			Bills have been introduced
Maine Coalition website: www.fullplates.org/schoolmealsforall	An Act Regarding Expanding Access to Free School Meals LD 1679 LD 221	<p>The Maine State Legislature passed a Supplemental Budget that included a new Meals for Students Fund and seeded the fund with \$10 million. Later advocacy efforts were successful in securing the remainder of the funding (estimated at \$34 million) in April 2022.</p> <p>The legislature included statutory language in the budget</p>	Breakfast & lunch		No	Permanent policy passed Start date: SY 2022-2023 Free healthy school meals for all students are permanently available

		<p>making it so all students in Maine can access school meal programs at no cost.</p> <p>The law also directs the Maine Department of Education to work with school districts to maximize federal reimbursements by participating in all federally funded programs and provisions (CEP & Provision 2) to reduce the financial burden on the state.</p>				
<p>Maryland</p> <p>Coalition website: www.healthyschoolmealsforalimd.org</p>	<p>Bills for 2023 SB 557 HB 628</p> <p>Note: HB 857 had been introduced in 2022 session</p>		Breakfast & lunch	Required		Bills have been introduced
<p>Massachusetts</p> <p>Coalition website: www.feedkidsma.org</p>	<p>Bills introduced in 2022 to permanently establish free school meals for all- MA S 314 / MA H 714 These bills did not pass in the 2022 legislative session but have been taken up in</p>	<p>On July 28, 2022 Governor Baker signed into law a one-year extension of School Meals for All for the 2022-2023 school year. The investment was set not to exceed \$110 million.</p> <p>The Healey-Driscoll Administration introduced a supplemental budget bill that included \$65 million for to</p>				<p>Free meals for all students established for SY 2022-2023</p> <p>Permanent healthy school meals for all policy is still pending.</p>

	<p>the 2023 legislative session</p> <p>Bill H.5050 establish free school meals for all students during the 2022-2023 school year. Passed through the FY2023 budget (H.4700)</p>	<p>maintain free school meals through the 2022-2023 school year. Without the additional funding, the program will deplete its appropriation in March 2023.</p>				
Michigan					Yes- in governor's budget	Bills being drafted
Minnesota	<p>Bills introduced in 2023 legislative session:</p> <p>Coalition website: www.hungersolutions.org/2021/03/14/healthy-hunger-free-schools</p> <p>Senate File 123 House File 5</p>	<p>Bill would provide free school breakfast and lunch for all students.</p> <p>Investment estimated to be \$200 million</p>	Breakfast & lunch	Required	Yes- in governor's budget	Bills have been introduced and heard in House and Senate committees
Missouri	<p>House Bill 172 Senate Bill 321</p>	<p>Requires public schools to provide free breakfasts and lunches to all students attending classes in such school</p>				Bills have been introduced
Montana	<p>Bill Draft Number: LC3486</p>	<p>Free meals for all students</p>	Breakfast & lunch			Bill is currently being drafted
Nebraska	<p>Introduced in 2021- LB117-</p>	<p>Amends the current statute and require schools to offer</p>	Breakfast & lunch			Bill has been introduced

	Adopt the Hunger-Free School Act Introduced in 2023- LB99- Adopt the Hunger-Free Schools Act	breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost. This bill was referred to the Education Committee.				
New Jersey	Introduced Feb 2022- S1508	Requires schools to universally provide free meals to all students, regardless of whether students are federally eligible for free or reduced-price meals				Bill was introduced. Did not pass in 2022-2023 session.
New Mexico	SB 4	Ensures free, healthy school meals for all students. Makes an appropriation.			Yes- in governor's budget	Passed out of Senate Education Committee. Headed to Senate Finance Committee.
New York Coalition website: www.schoolmealsforallny.org	Assembly Bill A01941 is currently under consideration in 2023 Previous bills introduced include: S9144 / A9518	https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?bn=A01941&term=2023	Breakfast & lunch	Required		Bill has been introduced
Nevada	Expenditure of American Rescue	American Rescue Plan funds were used to provide free				Free meals for all students

	Plan Act, Coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery funds	<p>school meals for all students during the 2022-2023 school year. Up to \$75 million</p> <p>The Nevada State legislature has approved an additional \$28M to continue universal school meals for school year 2023-2024.</p>				<p>established for SY 2022-2023 and SY 2023-2024</p> <p>Funds were allocated by Interim Finance Committee Item H15</p>
<p>North Carolina</p> <p>Coalition website: www.schoolmealsforallnc.org</p>	House Bill 1074 Senate Bill 887					
<p>North Dakota</p>	HB 1491	<p>Provide universal school lunch for all students in the state</p> <p>Expected investment = \$89.5 million for the biennium. This would likely be enough to cover breakfast as well.</p> <p>An expected amendment would make the policy permanent.</p> <p>HB 1494 introduced in 2023 legislative session. Aims to end lunch shaming practices.</p>	Lunch only			Bill has been introduced and heard in House Committee
<p>Ohio</p> <p>Coalition website:</p>		The Ohio State Board of Education passed a resolution recommending that the				

www.hungerfreeschoolsoh.org		General Assembly use ARPA funding to provide free breakfast and lunch to students in Ohio.				
Oregon	HB 3030	Provide free school meals to all K-12 students in Oregon.				Bill has been introduced
Pennsylvania Coalition website: www.snapa.org/mealsforall	Bills introduced in 2021-2022 Session Senate Bill 1327 House Bill 2829 Bills introduced in 2022-2023 Session SB180	No Student Should Go Hungry Universal School Meals: providing for the Universal School Meal Program and establishing the Universal School Meal Fund.				Bills were introduced in 2021-2022 session Bill for 2022-2023 currently being drafted
Rhode Island	HB 5141	Requires all public elementary and secondary schools to offer free lunch to all students.	Lunch only			Bill has been introduced
South Carolina	General Assembly Bill 148					Bill has been introduced
Tennessee	Bill introduced in 2022- SB 1897 Bills introduced in 2023- SB0208 HB025					Bills have been introduced
Vermont Coalition website:	S 100 (Act 151) – one year extension of free	S100 provides free school breakfast and lunch for all students for the 2022-2023				Free meals for all students

www.universalschoolmealsvt.org	school meals for all	school. Funds provided from Education Fund. The bill also establishes a task force to advise the legislature on how to make school food available to all students at no cost to families permanently.				established for SY 2022-2023
Virginia	HB 1967	Makes school meals available at no cost to students				Bill has been introduced
Washington	HB 1238 SB 5339	Would add free school meals to the definition of basic education in WA Fiscal note estimates investment at \$200 million/ biennium				Bills have been introduced
Wisconsin Coalition website: www.healthyschoolmealsforalwi.org	Assembly Bill 805				Yes- in governor's budget	Bill has been introduced