

The School Nutrition Programs, Summer and Afterschool Nutrition Programs, Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) all play important roles in reducing childhood hunger, supporting good nutrition, and ensuring that students and young children are hunger-free and ready to learn and thrive. Support the child nutrition programs by cosponsoring the following bills.

School Meals

- The **Universal School Meals Program Act** will soon be introduced by Sen. Sanders (I-VT). This bill would create Healthy School Meals for All nationwide.
- The **School Meal Modernization and Hunger Elimination Act (S. 1431)**, introduced by Sen. Fetterman (D-PA): The bill would increase federal funding for community eligibility schools, create a statewide community eligibility option, improve direct certification, and provide retroactive reimbursement for meals served to children who are certified for free or reduced-price meals later in the school year. It would also expand eligibility for free meals to children who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), as well as a subset of children being raised by grandparents or other relatives.
- The **No Hungry Kids in School Act (H.R. 2402)**, introduced by Rep. Aguilar (D-CA): The bill will create a statewide community eligibility option for states with a Healthy School Meals for All policy.
- The **School Meals Expansion Act** will soon be introduced by Sen. Fetterman (D-PA) and Rep. McGarvey (D-KY): The bill would increase funding for community eligibility and codify lowering the threshold for schools to participate in community eligibility to 25 percent identified student percentage.
- The **Expanding Access to School Meals Act (H.R. 2680)**, introduced by Rep. Gottheimer (D-NJ): The bill would increase eligibility for free meals up to 224 percent of the federal poverty level, expand direct certification by including Medicaid as a category, make eligibility for free school meals retroactive to the

beginning of the school year, and increase funding for community eligibility schools by increasing the multiplier to 2.5.

Summer Nutrition

- The **Stop Child Hunger Act of 2025** will soon be introduced by Sen. Murray (D-WA), Rep. Levin (D-CA), and Rep. Hayes (D-CT): This bill would expand the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (Summer EBT) Program by increasing the amount of benefits a family receives, providing benefits during the school year for school breakfast and unanticipated school closures, supporting state implementation by phasing in the 50 percent administrative fund match, and providing funds for implementation grants of the program.

Early Childhood

- The **Early Childhood Nutrition Improvement Act (S. 1447/H.R. 2818)**, introduced by Sens. Blumenthal (D-CT) and Smith (D-MN), and Reps. Bonamici (D-OR), Mackenzie (R-PA), and Landsman (D-OH): This bill would add a third meal service to CACFP, change the payment system for family child care programs to align with centers, and simplify eligibility reporting for for-profit child care centers by allowing annual eligibility.
- The **Child Care Nutrition Enhancement Act (S. 1420/H.R. 2859)**, introduced by Sens. Blumenthal (D-CT) and Smith (D-MN), and Reps. Bonamici (D-OR) and Landsman (D-OH): This bill would increase the reimbursement rate by 10 cents for snacks and meals served and eliminate the two-tier system of qualifying for family child care homes.
- The **More Options to Develop and Enhance Remote Nutrition (MODERN) WIC Act (H.R. 1464)**, introduced by Reps. Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Bonamici (D-OR): The bill would create permanent options for remote enrollment, services, and benefit issuance for WIC currently allowed through waivers. Those waivers will expire in September 2026 without Congressional action.