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Who We Are

School Nutrition Association of Virginia (SNA-VA) promotes quality school nutrition programs, provides educational opportunities, and affects regulatory and legislative issues. Our membership includes over 1,500 school nutrition professionals and stakeholders from across Virginia.

What We Do

We serve the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) child nutrition programs, including:

- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- Seamless Summer Option (SSO)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

Benefits of School Meals for All

Similar to textbooks, desk, and transportation, the SNA-VA believes that school meals should be available to all students at no cost. Offering no-cost meals to all:

- Increases school meal program participation, which means the nutritional needs of more students are met.
- Promotes equity by eliminating the out-of-pocket costs for families and reducing the stigma of school meals programs.
- Eliminates the burden on families to submit applications for free meals.
- Reduces administrative burden on school districts by eliminating school meals applications, counting and claiming by category, and collecting unpaid meal charges.
- Provides school nutrition staff more time and resources to focus on access to innovative service models, such as Breakfast in the Classroom.

Sources: Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) and No Kid Hungry (NKH)

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Fast Facts More than **1.25 million** students are enrolled in Virginia schools.

During school year (SY) 2022-2023, Virginia schools served

62.8 million breakfasts

and 113.4 million *lunches.*

During fiscal year (FY) 2022-2023, Virginia schools and community sponsors served

> 3.0 million summer meals and

5.1 million *afterschool meals.*