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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.*