

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture



Subject of Policy Amendment 1:

Protecting Milk Choices in Schools

Section Number or Title to be Amended:

Section 5.2 National Feeding and Nutrition Assistance Programs

Submitted by:

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Text of Policy Amendment:

- NASDA believes milk in our schools is critical to child nutrition. No other food or beverage provides the unique combination of nutrients milk provides for children. Milk provides thirteen essential nutrients children need to stay healthy and thrive in school.
- NASDA recognizes children and adolescents over four years old are not consuming enough dairy to meet the recommendations in the federal Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Milk is foundational to a healthy meal for school children and the USDA should take action to ensure children have access to nutritious flavored and unflavored milk.
- NASDA believes every school participating in the National School Lunch program should offer students at least one flavored milk option.
- NASDA opposes any effort by USDA or any other entity to deny children the opportunity to choose flavored milk for their school meals.

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