

ALSDE'S WAIVER REQUEST – STATE WAIVER FOR WATER REQUIREMENT IN THE NSLP AND SBP

The ALSDE is seeking the discretion to waive the requirement that water be available to students at meals. This waiver request is based on the following ongoing conditions:

1. Recommended CDC practices to limit the spread of COVID-19
2. Anticipated additional cost of serving individual bottles of water
3. Limited space on service lines for bottled water, which may incentivize water over milk
4. Meals provided for virtual students will be picked up by parents/guardians or students for consumption at home.
5. Grab and Go type meals will be provided for school serving meals in the classroom.