

Public Law 104-149  
104th Congress

An Act

To amend the National School Lunch Act to provide greater flexibility to schools to meet the Dietary Guidelines for Americans under the school lunch and school breakfast programs.

May 29, 1996  
[H.R. 2066]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Healthy Meals for Children Act”.

Healthy Meals  
for Children Act.  
42 USC 1751  
note.

**SEC. 2. INCREASED FLEXIBILITY FOR SCHOOLS TO MEET THE DIETARY GUIDELINES FOR AMERICANS UNDER THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACT.**

Section 9(f)(2) of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(f)(2)) is amended by striking subparagraph (D) and inserting the following:

“(D) USE OF ANY REASONABLE APPROACH.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—A school food service authority may use any reasonable approach, within guidelines established by the Secretary in a timely manner, to meet the requirements of this paragraph, including—

“(I) using the school nutrition meal pattern in effect for the 1994-1995 school year; and

“(II) using any of the approaches described in subparagraph (C).

“(ii) NUTRIENT ANALYSIS.—The Secretary may not require a school to conduct or use a nutrient analysis to meet the requirements of this paragraph.”.

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