

MENSTRUAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

Arkansas

Overall Grade **D** State Ranking **#41**

Period poverty is the inability to afford or access menstrual health products, education, or sanitation facilities. In the U.S., 2 in 5 people have struggled to afford period products.¹ When unaddressed, period poverty can lead to missed school and work, increased risk of infections, and shame or isolation due to social stigma.

This report card details the current state of menstrual health policies in your state.

SUBJECT	GRADE	CURRENT POLICY
<i>Menstrual Product Taxation</i>	F	Menstrual products are taxed in Arkansas.
<i>Menstrual Products in Schools</i>	D	Arkansas allows public schools to use funding to provide menstrual products at no cost, but it does not require or specifically fund the provision of such products. ²
<i>Menstrual Products in Incarceration Facilities</i>	C	All correctional facilities must have a policy for providing a necessary number of hygiene products for female inmates and detainees, but at a fixed allotment per month. ³
<i>Menstrual Products in Public Buildings</i>	F	Arkansas does not have a law requiring public buildings to provide menstrual products.
<i>Good Samaritan Menstrual Product Donations</i>	F	Arkansas does not have a Good Samaritan menstrual product donation law.

Recommendations

1. Implement a Good Samaritan law to protect menstrual product donations made in good faith from civil & criminal liability.
2. Eliminate the sales tax on menstrual products.
3. Mandate the provision of menstrual products at no cost in Arkansas schools.

References

- 1 Alliance for Period Supplies & U by Kotex, 2021
- 2 Arkansas HB1611 to amend Act 933, 2021
- 3 Arkansas Code § 12-32-103, 2024

