MENSTRUAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

Kansas

Overall Grade	*State Ranking*
F	#43

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
Menstrual Product Taxation	**F**	Kansas taxes menstrual products at 6.5%.
Menstrual Products in Schools	**F**	Kansas neither requires nor funds the provision of menstrual products in schools.
Menstrual Products in Incarceration Facilities	**C**	Kansas does not require the provision of menstrual products in incarceration facilities by state law, but state policy allows any inmate to order menstrual products for free, with a limit of two orders per month.[2]
Menstrual Products in Public Buildings	**F**	Kansas does not have a law requiring public buildings to provide menstrual products.
Good Samaritan Menstrual Product Donation Laws	**F**	Kansas 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. Remove the value-added tax on menstrual products.
3. Codify the Department of Corrections policy for the provision of menstrual products in prisons into law.

References

1 Alliance for Period Supplies & U by Kotex, 2021
2 Kansas Department of Correction General Order TCF 12-108, 2020

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