MENSTRUAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

Montana

Overall Grade	*State Ranking*
D+	#33

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	**A**	Montana does not have a state sales tax.
Menstrual Products in Schools	**F**	Montana neither requires nor funds the distribution of period products in schools.
Menstrual Products in Incarceration Facilities	**D**	Montana does not require the provision of menstrual products in incarceration facilities by state law. A state directive requires the provision of free menstrual products to inmates upon entry, but with no requirement for replenishing supplies per month.[2]
Menstrual Products in Public Buildings	**F**	Montana does not have a law requiring public buildings to provide menstrual products.
Good Samaritan Menstrual Product Donations	**F**	Montana 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. Require the provision of menstrual products in public schools.
3. Enact legislation requiring the provision of menstrual products at no cost in incarceration facilities.

References

1 Alliance for Period Supplies & U by Kotex, 2021
2 State of Montana Department of Corrections Policy Directive 4.4.1, 2013

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