MENSTRUAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

New York

Overall Grade	*State Ranking*
B+	#8

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**	New York removed the tax on menstrual products in 2016.[2]
Menstrual Products in Schools	**B**	New York requires but does not fund the provision of menstrual products at no cost in bathrooms in public and private schools serving grades 6-12.[3]
Menstrual Products in Incarceration Facilities	**A**	A variety of menstrual products must be provided at no cost to the inmate.[4]
Menstrual Products in Public Buildings	**C**	Homeless shelters are required to provide menstrual products at no cost to clients, but no other public buildings are required to provide products. [5]
Good Samaritan Menstrual Product Donations	**F**	New York 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. Enact a grant program to fund the provision of menstrual products in schools.
3. Expand the menstrual product requirement for schools to include schools serving grades 4 & 5.

References

1 Alliance for Period Supplies & U by Kotex, 2021
2 New York A07555, 2016
3 New York PH CHAPTER 45, ARTICLE 2, TITLE 6, §267
4 New York Cor. § 625, 2019
5 New York S6572/A.529-A, 2019

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