

MENSTRUAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

Oregon

Overall Grade **A** State Ranking **#2**

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>	A	Oregon does not have a state sales tax.
<i>Menstrual Products in Schools</i>	A	Oregon both requires and funds the provision of menstrual products at no cost in at least two bathrooms in all public schools. ²
<i>Menstrual Products in Incarceration Facilities</i>	A	Oregon requires that a reasonable amount of menstrual products are made available at no cost to inmates in housing and medical areas. ³
<i>Menstrual Products in Public Buildings</i>	B	In addition to public schools, Oregon requires public universities to provide menstrual products at no cost. No other state-owned buildings are required to provide products. ²
<i>Good Samaritan Menstrual Product Donation Laws</i>	F	Oregon 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. Extend mandate for menstrual products in schools to private, charter, and tribal schools.
3. Require the provision of menstrual products in state-owned public buildings, community colleges, and homeless shelters.

References

- 1 Alliance for Period Supplies & U by Kotex, 2021
- 2 Oregon HB3294, 2021
- 3 ORS 169.635, 2018

