MENSTRUAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

Pennsylvania

Overall Grade	*State Ranking*
A	#5

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**	Pennsylvania removed the tax on menstrual products in 1991.[2]
Menstrual Products in Schools	**C**	Pennsylvania allocates $3 million for the provision of menstrual products at no cost in public schools, but does not mandate the provision.[3]
Menstrual Products in Incarceration Facilities	**A**	Pennsylvania requires the provision of menstrual products at no cost to inmates regardless of financial means, including a choice of sanitary pad absorbency and tampons.[4]
Menstrual Products in Public Buildings	**A**	Pennsylvania's governor's administration has implemented a directive to provide menstrual products in commonwealth-owned public buildings and state parks.[5]
Good Samaritan Menstrual Product Donations	**F**	Pennsylvania does not have a Good Samaritan menstrual product donation law.

Recommendations

1. Mandate the provision of menstrual products at no cost in public schools.
2. Implement a Good Samaritan law to protect menstrual product donations made in good faith from civil & criminal liability.
3. Codify the provision of menstrual products at no cost in commonwealth-owned buildings into law.

References

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