MENSTRUAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

South Carolina

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**	South Carolina removed the tax on menstrual products in 2024.[2]
Menstrual Products in Schools	**F**	South Carolina does not require nor fund the provision of menstrual products in schools.
Menstrual Products in Incarceration Facilities	**D**	State law mandates that sufficient menstrual products be provided to incarcerated individuals; however, these products are available at no cost only to indigent inmates.[3]
Menstrual Products in Public Buildings	**F**	South Carolina does not require the provision of menstrual products in public buildings.
Good Samaritan Menstrual Product Donations	**F**	South Carolina 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 public schools to provide menstrual products at no cost to students.
3. Expand access to no-cost menstrual products to all incarcerated individuals.

References

1 Alliance for Period Supplies & U by Kotex, 2021
2 South Carolina H3563, 2024
3 S.C. Code Ann. § 24-13-35, 2020

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