MENSTRUAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

South Dakota

Overall Grade	*State Ranking*
F	#50

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	**F**	South Dakota taxes menstrual products at 4%.
Menstrual Products in Schools	**F**	South Dakota neither requires nor funds the provision of menstrual products in schools.
Menstrual Products in Incarceration Facilities	**F**	South Dakota does not have a state law mandating the provision of menstrual products in incarceration facilities.
Menstrual Products in Public Buildings	**F**	South Dakota does not require the provision of menstrual products in public buildings.
Good Samaritan Menstrual Product Donation Laws	**F**	South Dakota does not have a Good Samaritan menstrual product donation law.

Recommendations

1. Exempt menstrual products from the state sales tax.
2. Implement a Good Samaritan law to protect menstrual product donations made in good faith from civil & criminal liability.
3. Require menstrual products to be provided at no cost to indigent inmates in state incarceration facilities.

References

1 Alliance for Period Supplies & U by Kotex, 2021

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