

MENSTRUAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

West Virginia

Overall Grade

F

State Ranking

#46

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	West Virginia taxes at menstrual products at 6%.
Menstrual Products in Schools	F	West Virginia does not require nor fund the provision of menstrual products in schools.
Menstrual Products in Incarceration Facilities	D	West Virginia does not have a state law mandating the provision of menstrual products in incarceration facilities, but state directive requires products to be issued to inmates upon entry. ²
Menstrual Products in Public Buildings	F	West Virginia does not require the provision of menstrual products in public buildings.
Good Samaritan Menstrual Product Donations	F	West Virginia 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. Exempt menstrual products from the state sales tax.
3. Require public schools to provide menstrual products at no cost to students.

References

¹ Alliance for Period Supplies & U by Kotex, 2021

² West Virginia Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation Handbook, 2021

