MENSTRUAL HEALTH REPORT CARD

Wisconsin

Overall Grade	*State Ranking*
F	#43

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**	Wisconsin taxes menstrual products at 5%.
Menstrual Products in Schools	**F**	Wisconsin does not require nor fund the provision of menstrual products in schools.
Menstrual Products in Incarceration Facilities	**C**	Wisconsin does not have a state law mandating the provision of menstrual products in incarceration facilities, although a state directive requires the provision of products as needed.[2]
Menstrual Products in Public Buildings	**F**	Wisconsin does not require the provision of menstrual products in public buildings.
Good Samaritan Menstrual Product Donations	**F**	Wisconsin 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 public schools to provide menstrual products at no cost to students.

References

1 Alliance for Period Supplies & U by Kotex, 2021
2 Wisconsin Division of Adult Institutions Policy 309.24.01, 2023

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