Period Products in Schools by State

Know Your State

- Period products are required in schools
- No requirement or funding for period products in schools
- Period products are required and funded in schools
- Funding for period products in schools is available

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Quick Facts

- 1 in 4 students struggle to afford period products
- 86% of people who menstruate have started their periods unexpectedly in public
- 2.4% increase in attendance reported among participating NYC schools following passage of law requiring free period products for students

Reasons to Support Period Products in Schools

- Reduces period poverty
- Fosters gender equity and enables all students to attend class
- Reduces disruptions and increases time spent in class
- Toilet paper, also a basic necessity, is provided to all students
- 1 in 3 low-income women miss work, school, and other events due to lack of access

Different States, Different Laws

Each state that has passed legislation requiring period products in schools has passed a unique bill.

Some states have funding attached to their bills and some do not. Some states require only middle and high schools to have products, while other states also require elementary schools and public colleges and universities.

Additional Resources

The Alliance for Period Supplies has additional resources to assist those who are interested supporting legislation that addresses period poverty.

For additional materials, please visit: allianceforperiodsupplies.org/policy-legislation/.

Additional Materials Include: Model Legislation, Student Advocacy Toolkit, and Menstrual Equity Legislative Tracker.

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