

5021: PROVISION OF MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS TO STUDENTS (AP)

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POLICY

Every student in British Columbia should have access to healthy and effective learning environments. The school system is expected to promote gender equality and create an inclusive learning experience. Lack of access to menstrual products can negatively impact students' school attendance and their social-emotional well-being. Providing all students with convenient access to free menstrual products helps to support their full participation in school activities, reduces stigma and promotes gender equality.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

- 1.0 The Board will:
 - 1.1 Ensure menstrual products are made available to students of all gender identities or expressions in a manner that protects student privacy;
 - 1.2 Provide barrier-free, easily accessible menstrual products at no cost to students;
 - 1.3 Provide menstrual products in school washrooms; and,
 - 1.4 Consider student feedback with respect to the provision of menstrual products.
- 2.0 School district staff will monitor procedures regarding the provision of menstrual products to students.

References:

Sections 85(2)(a), 88(1) and 168(2)(t) of the *School Act*
Support Services for Schools Order M149/89 Amended by M127/19