

Provision of Menstrual Products to Students

Background

The Board of Education of Prairie South Schools believes that students in Saskatchewan 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. The Board of Education of Prairie South Schools, in keeping with Ministry of Education Policy, will ensure that schools provide menstrual products to students of all gender identities and expressions using delivery methods that:

- Are free of charge;
- Protect privacy;
- Are barrier free, consistent in delivery, and easily accessible;
- Are non-stigmatizing;
- And that take into account the developmental levels of the student population.

Procedures

1. The Principal will ensure that products are made available to students of all gender identities or expressions in a manner that protects student privacy.
 - 1.1. Menstrual products will be provided in:
 - 1.1.1. Elementary Schools
 - 1.1.1.1. K to grade 8 available in baskets in a designated washroom and available in the office.
 - 1.1.2. Kindergarten to Grade 12 Schools and Secondary Schools
 - 1.1.2.1. One basket in the universal washrooms.
 - 1.1.2.2. Available in the Office
 - 1.2. Caretaking staff at each school will maintain and monitor stock and replenish as needed.
2. The Division will provide menstrual products at no cost to students.

Reference: Sections 85, 87, and 190 of the Education Act 1995
The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
The Saskatchewan Human Rights Code

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