



SECTION 1000: STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS

POLICY 1105: PROVISION OF MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS

POLICY STATEMENT

Boards of Education must provide menstrual products to all students who may require them. Boards must have policies and procedures regarding the provision of menstrual products in their schools.

RATIONALE

The Board of Education for Coast Mountains School District 82 believes that students 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.

POLICY

The Board of Education, in keeping with Ministry of Education Policy, will ensure that all schools, on or before September 2019 begin providing 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 in washrooms;
- are non-stigmatizing; and
- that take into account the development levels of the student population.

LEGISLATION/REGULATIONS

- Ministerial Order M127/19 Amended April 3, 2019: Support Services for Schools Order
- Ministry of Education Policy: Provision of Menstrual Products